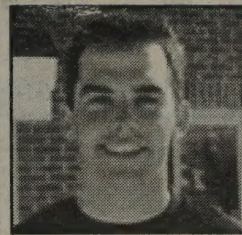




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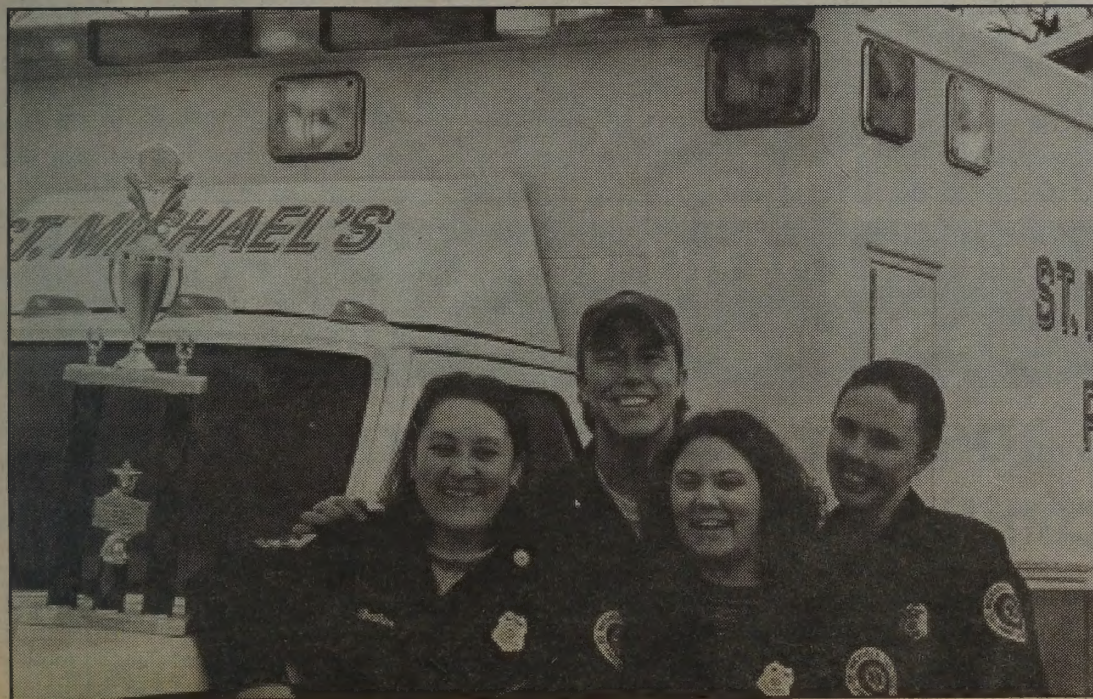


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St. Michael's Rescue Squad award winners junior Heather Bramwell (left), sophomore Daniel Greaves, junior Laurette Daniel and junior Keara Cahill.

Rescue Squad wins national competition

By Kate Bannon
Staff Writer

The St. Michael's Rescue Squad won a first-place trophy at the National Collegiate Emergency Medical Services Foundation Conference held Feb. 11-13 at the University of Delaware in Newark.

The rescue squad was invited to the conference and participated in skills competitions, lectures and special events.

The squad included sophomore Dan Greaves and juniors Keara Cahill, Laurette Daniel and Heather Bramwell.

The group won first place for the airway and breathing station.

"It was nice to be able to go and prove our stuff," Greaves said.

**"We're trained, skilled
EMTs who love
what we do."**

**Heather Bramwell
junior**

Colleges and universities from all over the country attended the three-day competition.

"St. Michael's Rescue was one of the only squads that services towns surrounding the campus," Bramwell said. "We're the primary ambulance for Winooski, Williston, Hinesburg, St. George, and a portion of Colchester."

The competition was an evaluation of basic emergency medical skills. The squad com-

peted in three stations including, trauma assessment; EMS relay; and airway and breathing.

These events were not a surprise to this four-member team since they are evaluated on these things at St. Michael's.

"We're used to having our practical skills observed and tested, so the competition was nothing new to us," Bramwell said.

"The win gives us confidence in ourselves, pride in what we do, and recognition from those around us," she said.

"Too often we are thought of as a 'bunch of college kids playing EMT.' We're not. We're trained, skilled EMTs who love what we do ... and every once in a while we get to show it." Bramwell said.

Car, laptop stolen; five autos entered; game room wrecked

By Heather Aja
Staff Writer

A recent string of thefts and vandalism at St. Michael's has prompted some students to think twice about locking their rooms and car doors.

In the past month, a car was stolen, five others had possessions stolen from them, a laptop was taken and the Alumni Hall game room was vandalized.

Senior Kevin Morris reported his stolen car to Security, which called Colchester Police Department on Feb. 20. The car was stolen between 1:30 a.m. and 3:30 a.m. from the end of the 200s parking lot, Morris said.

On Feb. 24, Morris, a member of ROTC, received a phone call from one of his professors at the University of Vermont who said he had seen Morris' car in the Old North End of Burlington.

Morris called Colchester police at about 5 p.m., who called Burlington police to recover the vehicle. His car was found on North Union Street, Morris said.

Morris received a phone call from the Colchester police about 15 minutes after he made the initial call and was told he could go pick up his car.

Morris recovered his car but many items has been stolen from it.

"They stole a Versa-Pack tool set worth approximately \$300, some other tools, a jacket, a radar detector, a watch and a

backpack with some of my textbooks and notebooks in it," Morris said.

Morris said he found a picture ID card in the car containing a person's name, picture and work address on it. He turned it over to the police dispatcher.

Charles Kirker, Colchester's chief of police, said investigation into the matter is continuing.

Morris said the cooperation of the Colchester police was less than adequate.

"The whole situation could have been handled better, in my opinion," he said. "Right from the start I didn't have an overwhelming sense of confidence in the Colchester Police Department."

The department did not respond to Morris' complaint right away, nor did it keep him updated on the investigation, he said.

"Colchester was supposed to come and take a report from me and they never did," Morris said.

Kirker said it is not unusual for a report of a stolen vehicle to be taken over the phone.

"I finally called [them] back and spoke with someone who said they had the information. They never asked me any specific questions like what color the car was or distinguishable marks."

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New student association president wins by five votes

By Lauren Grosso
Staff Writer

Last week's student government election showed new faces for every position, except for 2001 class president.

All class officers ran uncontested. Class of 2002 had no official candidate for president and vice president and the class of 2003 had no vice president candidate.

Competition was only apparent in the race for Student

	President Dan DiTullio Age: 20 Hometown: Clinton, Mass. Major: Political science; minor economics		Vice President Shaun Bryer Age: 18 Hometown: Morrisville, Vt. Major: Elementary education
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Association president and vice president.

Junior Daniel DiTullio, the current SA vice president, and Sophomore Juan "Johnny" Montanez ran for the presidency.

In the closest SA election ever, sophomore Matthew Colby who designed the new voting system said.

Current SA President Matt DeSorgher said DiTullio won by

five votes.

DiTullio said it has been his goal since freshman year to head the Student Association.

"I'd like to keep people's eyes wide open to issues on cam-

pus next year," he said.

He hopes to inform students of the issues so they can attend SA meetings to discuss whatever may be on the table, he said.

DiTullio sees positive and negative aspects to this. While it is great to know many students, there is a downfall in that students are too confined by the administration, he said.

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St. Michael's College Security Log

Excerpts from the March 10 through March 17 security report. Compiled by Director of Security Peter Soons.

Friday, March 10		12:15 a.m. Complaint in Bergeron.	1:59 a.m. Noise complaint in 300s.	Hall.
5:12 a.m. Found property in St. Edmund's.		12:21 a.m. Service requested on Vermont 15.	7:30 a.m. Vandalism in Joyce Hall.	8:20 a.m. Towed vehicle in 200s.
7:50 a.m. Parking enforcement on main campus.		12:21 a.m. Agency assist at Ethan Allen.	10:10 a.m. Fire in St. Edmund's.	8:30 a.m. Towed vehicle in 200s.
9:27 a.m. Access to Herrouet Theater.		1:09 a.m. Complaint on College Parkway.	12:30 p.m. Vandalism in 300s.	9:23 p.m. Harassment in 300s.
2:30 p.m. Medical assist in Tarrant.		4:24 a.m. Alcohol violation in Ryan Hall.	2:35 p.m. Complaint off campus.	9:30 p.m. Complaint in 300s.
7:48 p.m. Odor violation Ryan Hall.		6:42 a.m. Missing person off campus.	5:01 p.m. Alarm in St. Edmund's.	
		2:10 p.m. Complaint in Joyce Hall.	6:49 p.m. Alarm in DuPont.	Friday, March 17
		2:40 p.m. Vandalism in 200s.	9:19 p.m. Fire alarm in Hamel Hall.	1:27 a.m. Fire alarm in Ryan Hall.
Saturday, March 11			Wednesday, March 15	8:04 a.m. Motor vehicle accident on Campus Road.
1:52 a.m. Noise complaint on Johnson Avenue		Monday, March 13	2:24 a.m. Parking enforcement on main campus.	2:37 p.m. Motor vehicle accident off campus.
2:29 a.m. Drunkenness in 100s.		8:00 a.m. Towed vehicle at Ryan Hall.	8:10 a.m. Towed vehicle on campus road.	5:49 p.m. Motor vehicle accident on main campus.
2:31 a.m. Drunkenness in 400s.		8:35 a.m. Towed vehicle at Founders Hall.	8:55 a.m. Larceny/theft in St. Edmund's.	6:20 p.m. Alcohol violation in Alliot Hall.
3:56 a.m. Vandalism in Purtill Hall.		5:14 p.m. Alarm in DuPont.	8:51 p.m. Medical assist in Ross.	6:29 p.m. Alcohol violation in Alliot Hall.
2:11 p.m. Odor violation in Purtill Hall.			Thursday, March 16	12:48 p.m. Alcohol violation in Ryan Hall.
Sunday, March 12		Tuesday, March 14	2:31 a.m. Alcohol violation in Ryan Hall.	

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News from college campuses across the country

Pope makes apology for past persecutions

By Erin Ghere
(U. Minnesota)

(U-WIRE) MINNEAPOLIS -- Pope John Paul II made an unprecedented move March 12 when he asked forgiveness for 2,000 years of sins committed by the Roman Catholic Church.

University area religious leaders applauded the pope's repentance, which highlighted sins against Jews, other Christian faiths, women, impoverished people and different ethnic and racial groups.

"We ask forgiveness for the divisions that came between Christians, for the use of violence that some used in the service of truth," the pope said during Mass at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, "and for the attitudes of diffidence and hostility assumed

before the followers of their religions."

Although the church has offered repentance before, it has never been done in such a sweeping plea for divine forgiveness.

Not mentioned by name, the apology alluded to persecutions under the Inquisition, violence during the Crusades, forced evangelization and the extermination of Jews during the Holocaust.

It was "a very important step," said Amy Olson, director of Hillel, the Jewish Student Center at the University.

Israel's Chief Rabbi, Yisrael Meir Lau, said he was disappointed the pope did not make specific reference to the Holocaust or the silence of many Catholics, including then Pope Pius XII, during the extermination of Jews.

Olson said it would have been good if the Pope had gone further in his apology, but it was still an "important, symbolic gesture."

"It was not a small thing that he made that apology," Olson said.

The Rev. Donald Andrie, associate pastor and youth minister of St. Lawrence Catholic Church and Newman Center said the pope's apology covered the last 2,000 years, not just the last 50 years, and the Holocaust was not the only issue.

He said it was "courageous in many ways" for the pope to recognize that people in the church make mistakes and even intentionally commit evil acts.

The pope's apology was "outstanding witness to the

strength of the Catholic Church," said Janet Wheelock, a priest at the University Episcopal Church. It was also "long, long overdue," she said.

The Episcopal church's roots lead back to Henry VIII who left the Roman Catholic Church when it refused to acknowledge his divorce. Anglicans were persecuted by Catholics during the Reformation, and many nonbelievers were beheaded by Mary, Queen of Scots.

Both Olson and Andie agreed the church must confess its sins before it can move forward into the new millennium, a theme toward which the Catholic Church has been striving.

The Washington Post contributed to this report.

Gay Tufts student pushes for coed dorm room

By Jason Leff
(Boston U.)

(U-WIRE) BOSTON Carl Sciortino Jr. wants to open the door for coed dormitory rooms at Tufts University, but thus far, school administrators are withholding the key.

Sciortino, a senior, has spent the last year lobbying school officials and student government groups to allow coed dormitory rooms for gay students who feel uncomfortable with same-sex room assignments.

Sciortino believes gay students assigned to standard same-sex rooms are often subjected to homophobic reactions and sexual harassment from roommates.

After a gay friend's request to live with a female friend was turned down by housing administrators, Sciortino and several other Tufts students and staff members began working last year to create an alternative housing plan for homosexual students.

In January, Tufts' administra-

tors gave the green light to the Dean of Students Office to explore a proposal in which gay and lesbian students would be allowed to room with students of the opposite sex.

Last week, the plan was rejected by Tufts President John DiBiaggio, bringing national attention to Sciortino's plight and raising questions about the role university administrators should play in dictating student's housing regulations.

"It's been overwhelming," said Sciortino, who, aside from being featured in *The Boston Globe* and *USA Today* in the past week, has also been contacted by radio stations from Dallas and Los Angeles, as well as two television stations and the ABC news magazine *20/20*.

"I cannot accept an answer of 'no,'" he said. "The administrators have acknowledged a concern, and now they are stopping because they are afraid of a negative reaction."

The proposal rejected last

week would have established a pilot program next year involving 10 coeducational dorm rooms. Twenty consenting gay and lesbian students willing to file paperwork were to have access to the rooms.

Heterosexual students who have no qualms about having a gay roommate were also eligible to apply.

Tufts officials were unable to comment about the decision, but in a statement released March 14, the school claims that although it is sympathetic to the university's gay community, it is unwilling to stray from the traditional policy of single-gender rooms.

"We're empathetic with the concerns that some of our students have raised, and Tufts University is proud of the supportive relationship it has built with the members of its diverse community," it said.

"We believe we can address student concerns on a case-by-case basis without digressing from our university housing poli-

cy."

Sciortino said he believes the school is especially concerned with heterosexual students' taking advantage of the policy. He holds that other inhibitions include fear over parental reaction and concern about the school's reputation.

"I'm disappointed about the decision, but I'm not surprised," Sciortino said. "This is a fairly new issue the school needs to deal with."

In the wake of the administration's rejection, Sciortino now plans on uniting gay campus organizations at universities across New England and getting other students involved in the cause. Students are also looking into alternatives like single rooms and off-campus living.

"Everyone should be comfortable with their living conditions," said BU graduate student Jean-Francois Hugot. "It's not a situation I've ever thought about before, but I think in certain instances it should be allowed."

Freshmen lead police on two mile pursuit

Driver charged with DWI, attempt to elude police and negligence

By Danielle Bergeron
Executive Editor

One freshman spent the night in jail and another in ACT I, after police attempted to pull them over for about two miles.

Coleman Lahey, 19, was arrested and charged with DWI, careless and negligent driving, attempting to elude a police officer on March 17 at about 11:40 p.m., Burlington police said. He was also issued a "multitude of traffic tickets," according to police.

Police reported they saw Lahey's red and black Chevrolet Blazer in front of Domino's Pizza stopped at a greenlight with no headlights on.

John Nagle, 19, who was in the car with Lahey, said the two were returning to St. Michael's.

from a party downtown.

Officer Jonathan Young said he turned his blue lights on before the Winooski bridge.

Lahey crossed the bridge, drove on the sidewalk, stopped for about five seconds and then continued heading toward Essex, Young said.

Lahey said he did not drive onto the sidewalk.

Lahey was going about 30 to 40 mph while Winooski police joined in the attempt to pull him over, Young said.

Lahey and Nagle said they saw the blue police lights at the St. Michael's sign off Vermont 15 about a mile after police began the pursuit.

According to Young, Lahey weaved and went off the road several times as police followed him through the main entrance of

St. Michael's.

Nagle and Lahey drove all the way around campus and stopped in the 100s parking lot.

Nagle said he did not know why they didn't stop sooner.

During the pursuit, "Several students had to jump out of the way so that they were not in danger of being struck by the blazer which was operating so carelessly," Young reported.

"I don't recall anybody jumping out of the way," Nagle said. "We were going about 15[mph]."

After the car entered the 100s parking lot, Nagle jumped.

"I was pretty much scared at that point. I stupidly jumped out of the car but I didn't come close to being hit. But the car was still moving," Nagle said.

When Lahey stopped, police

said they pulled him from the Blazer.

"It was obvious he was extremely intoxicated," Young wrote in the report.

Nagle confirmed the two had been drinking. "Yes, I was in the car with him, and he had been drinking, a couple of beers," he said.

"We weren't drinking while we were driving," Nagle said.

Officers brought Lahey to the police department, where he refused to take a Breathalyzer test.

They drove him the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility, where he spent the night.

Lahey later told Burlington police he was not running from them but trying to get back to St. Michael's.

Young said Nagle spent the night in ACT I but was not charged.

Both students expressed regret and embarrassment for the incident.

Nagle said, "I hope we serve as an example that drinking and driving is not a good thing."

Lahey said, "I made a big mistake, I'm a respectful kid at St. Michael's."

In accordance with Vermont law, Lahey faces a six-month license suspension for refusal of the Breathalyzer, no more than six months in jail or a \$500 fine or both for attempting to elude a police officer and prison for not more than one year or a fine of not more than \$1000 or both for the charge of carelessness and negligence.

46 seniors given national recognition

Students named in annual 'Who's Who Among Students in Colleges and Universities'

By Mike Lombard
Staff Writer

Each year at St. Michael's, faculty, staff and students select graduating seniors who show leadership and contribute to the community for the annual publication, "Who's Who Among Students in Colleges and Universities."

This honor is meant to recognize students who make contributions to the campus community who might not be recognized elsewhere, Jennie Cernosia, director of student activities, said.

"It's a national honor and a community honor, because people who know you are honoring you. It's a special honor because it acknowledges a wide range of strengths," said Dianne Lynch, a member of the selection committee.

Nominations were acquired via e-mails from faculty, staff and seniors.

A few weeks later, the selection committee met to decide which students would be honored.

Because the Mikenet server

was down that week, some nominations may were lost.

The committee brainstormed additional people who may have been nominated before reaching their final list, Matthew Mostoller, vice president of the Class of 2000, said.

The committee consisted of Senior Class President Brian Greehan, Mostoller, Lynch, Cernosia, Ann Giombetti, director of MOVE, and Mike Samara, vice president of student affairs and dean of students.

The committee selected 46 students, the number *Who's Who* allowed St. Michael's to submit.

The students were selected according to a wide range of criteria.

The students were chosen based academic achievement, extracurricular activities, community service and potential for future contributions.

"We try to get a good balance of students involved on campus," Cernosia said.

Who's Who has produced compilations of notable people since 1899.

Every college and university in America is allowed to submit

nominations for its most worthy students.

The lists are compiled, published in a book and sold.

The nominated students receive a letter from *Who's Who* asking for personal information to be published in the book.

They are also asked to purchase the book for about \$57, Mostoller said.

"I'm not buying the book. I have better things to do with \$50," Stephanie Dow said.

"My father and twin brother were both nominated in college. My mom thinks it's a family tradition," she said.

Mostoller said it was difficult to cut the list of nominations down to 46.

He said the outstanding quality of the senior class made the process more difficult, because it's hard to judge one person's achievements and efforts against another's.

Students' opinions differed about being nominated.

"It was great being nominated. I didn't expect it," Joleen Wise said.

Sue Cocchiarella said that while she was impressed by the award she didn't think it was that important.

"I was blown away that I got it. I think it's good but I don't know how big of a deal it is considering 46 seniors got it," Sue Cocchiarella said.

This honor may be included in graduating students' resumes for job applications, Lynch said.

"I don't like awards, but this is a good one. It's wide open; it doesn't pigeonhole people. It recognizes good people in the community," Lynch said.

Off-campus meal plan provides dining variety

Carbur's, Red Onion and Four Star Delivery among participating merchants

By Victoria Welch
Staff Writer

Students interested in meal options other than typical Sodexho-Marriott fare now can order a new off-campus dining service.

Through the Off Campus Meal Plan (OCMP) students can order food from restaurants with a debit card.

Ten restaurants are affiliated with the program, a number representative sophomore Beth Valerio thinks will go up as the program progresses.

"OCMP is also run at U-Mass-Amherst, and it is really popular," Valerio said.

"There are over 40 restaurants affiliated with the program down there, and we're hoping to reach that point as well," she said.

Students who enroll in OCMP place a minimum of \$250 on their cards, and the program adds 5 percent of that amount to the total money available.

The money can be used at restaurants such as Carbur's, Red Onion, and Four Star Delivery, allowing students without transportation to order off campus.

"It's really nice to be able to have someone deliver right to your house," Valerio said.

Valerio said money left over at the end of the year cannot be refunded to the cardholder.

Sophomore Amanda Saver, also an OCMP representative, said the program is an attractive alternative to Marriott.

"The program is mainly targeted for upperclassmen, although first-years are welcome to join," Saver said.

"After a year of Alliot, it just starts to get a little boring. This is a way to keep options open, make things interesting," she said.

Sophomore Nicole Pirrello said she agrees having more than one option is a good idea.

"It's hard to find variety in Alliot," Pirrello said. "I'd like to have more of an opportunity to eat what I want to eat, rather than what is presented to me to eat."

Pirrello said she might be interested in the program if there were an opportunity to combine her current meal plan with the OCMP program.

"I'd like to use it," Pirrello said, "but there's only so much money I'm going to spend on meal plans. If I could reduce my meal plan here and use OCMP in conjunction with that, it would be great."

Presently, OCMP cannot replace the current Sodexho-Marriott meal plan.

"Any food off campus is better than any food on campus, and having an opportunity to get off campus food without having to run to the ATM anytime is a great idea," senior Josh May said.

May, who does not have a meal plan, said he would have been interested in OCMP for this year, had he heard more about the program.

Valerio said students interested in OCMP can get more information online or from herself and Saver.

"Pamphlets will be hanging up all around the school," Valerio said. "Amanda and I will also be sitting at a table outside Alliot [in the near future] with information and pamphlets."

Honorees

Danielle Bergeron, Nathan Besio, Edward Brady, Amy Brennan, Sheila Carey, Michael Caruso, Tara Clark, Susan Cocchiarella, Erin Craven, Lael Croteau, Michael DeFranco, Stephanie Dow, Brian Freeman, Robert Gates, Natalie Grasso, Brian Greehan, Janice Grivetti, Judith Grivetti, Shannon Hammond, Binaca Hanson, Angela MacWhinnie, Richard Marsden, Juan Martinez-Lage, Kimberly McCray, Cheryl Messier, Matthew Mostoller, Benjamin Murray, Jean Osborne, Aaron Page, Michele Pisacano, Seanna Poelaert, Mark Preston, Nicole Puopolo, Joshua Ralph, Maria Rinaldi, Nicole Ross, Yolanda Santos, Brian Schmidt, Kelly Sharenko, Michael Smaha, Matthew Smith, Karen Smith, Megan St. Peter, Tracy Stevens, Amanda Weegar, Joleen Wise

Bryer wins VP run-off

2001 President
Evan Pasenello

Age: 21
Hometown: Canandaigua, N.Y.
Major: Business



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DiTullio said it was remarkable that his opponent Montanez, who came from outside the SA, could offer such a competitive race.

Montanez said, he wanted to do something about student complaints. "I like to get things done rather than complain about them," he said.

Three candidates ran for SA vice presidents: sophomores Shaun Anderson and Colby, and freshman Shaun Bryer.

The vote was too close to declare a winner, so the vice president was determined in a run-off Monday between Colby and Bryer. Bryer was elected as the vice president for 2000-2001.

After two years as assistant secretary of student policy Colby said he was ready to be vice president.

Like many other candidates, Colby said he would like to see more student awareness of the SA.

Bryer, whose slogan was "Experience you can count on," held many student government offices in high school and is the Class of 2003 vice president.

"I ran for SA VP because I

noticed a decrease in student involvement this year," Bryer said.

The lack of competition for class officers and some positions without candidates disturbed some students.

Sophomore Emily Ugino said she would like to see more spirit and involvement in the SA.

"If no one runs, it shows that we need more class unity," she said.

Three-term class president Evan Pasenello, the only returning officer, will serve the Class of 2001 again.

Lauren Fryer was elected the Class of 2001 vice president.

Write-in candidates filled both offices for the Class of 2002. Tim McMahon took president and Jaime Andrews is the new vice president.

Meredith Story, current treasurer for the Class of 2003, was elected president. She plans to have more no-cost events to bring her class together.

Shannon Kelleher doesn't have any SA experience but was elected vice president for the Class of 2003.

"I wanted to get involved and I saw this as the opportunity," she said.

Vandalism continues to plague SMC

Theft Continued from cover

Police inquired about the license plate number and how much gas was in the car, he said.

Peter Soons, director of Safety and Security, said senior Brian Nolan reported items missing from his car at about 9 a.m. Feb. 20.

The thefts took place after midnight, Soons said.

Nolan said he was upset with the way Colchester police handle the theft.

He said Security was more than helpful.

Nolan's car was parked in the lot behind the 400s, he said.

The officer who responded said four other vehicles appeared to have been entered, Soons said.

Another campus theft occurred between 7:30 p.m. March 7 and 8:30 a.m. March 8, when a laptop was stolen from Jeanmarie 380, Soons said.

The student who stole the laptop pried open a locked media cabinet, Soons said.

The incident has caused the college to consider locking the six rooms with the media carts, Soons said.

The laptop was recovered March 9 from a student's room, Soons said.

The incident is being han-

dled by the college, but Michael Samara vice president of student affairs and dean of students, said the Colchester Police Department was notified.

Samara said the student will go before the judicial board.

Sophomore Caitlin Tobin said that such incidents happen everywhere and nothing more can be done to prevent them.

"It is a student's responsibility to lock their doors and pay attention to their stuff," she said. "I don't think that security can do anything else about it."

Soons agreed.

"Most of the thefts we deal with are because someone leaves the opportunity for it to happen," Soons said.

The Alumni Hall game room was vandalized on the night of March 5.

Alumni Hall Resident Director Jeff Vincent said there is no lead on who vandalized the game room.

When Vincent went to the game room, he found the walls damaged, and the pool table tipped over with two legs broken off. The third door to the room was kicked in.

Vincent said the game room is temporarily closed.

"Physical Plant got right on it and they are doing a wonderful job," Vincent said.

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UNDERGRADUATE FIRST SESSION (May 15-June 23)

AR 205 Drawing I (3cr.)
Monday-Friday, 8:30-9:45am

AR 313 Western Calligraphy (3cr.)
Monday-Friday, 10:00-11:15am

BU 113 Foundations of Business
Administration (4cr.)
Monday-Friday, 8:00-9:40am

BU 141 Financial Accounting (4cr.)
Monday-Friday, 8:00-9:40am

BU 303 Management & Organizational
Behavior (4cr.)
Monday & Wednesday, 4:00-8:10pm

BU 307 Continuous Organizational
Improvement (3cr.)
Tuesday & Thursday, 5:00-8:15pm

BU 315 Financial Policies of
Corporations (3cr.)
Tuesday & Thursday, 4:00-7:15pm

BU 321 Human Resource
Management (3cr.)
Monday & Wednesday, 5:00-8:15pm

CL 203 Epic and the Heroic Tradition (4cr.)
Monday-Friday, 10:00-11:40am

CO 205 Principles of Speech (3cr.)
Monday-Thursday, 4:00-5:30pm

EC101 Principles of Macroeconomics (3cr.)
Tuesday & Thursday, 5:00-8:15pm

EN 123 Introduction to Literary
Studies (4cr.)
Monday-Friday, 1:00-2:40pm

EN 403 Topics in Film: American
History in Film (4cr.)
Tuesday & Thursday, 5:00-9:10pm

GG 101 Introduction to Human
Geography (4cr.)
Monday-Thursday, 1:00-3:10pm

HI 105 Early Modern Europe (3cr.)
Monday & Wednesday, 5:00-8:15pm

JO 413 Journalism Practicum (3cr.)
By Arrangement

MA 101 Finite Mathematics (3cr.)
Monday-Friday, 10:00-11:15am

MA 102 Elementary Statistics (3cr.)
Monday & Wednesday, 5:00-8:15pm

MU 101 Rudiments of Music (3cr.)
Monday-Friday, 1:00-2:15pm

PH 203 Ethics (3cr.)
Tuesday & Thursday, 5:00-8:15pm

PH 205 Philosophy of Society (3cr.)
Monday & Wednesday, 5:00-8:15pm

PO 101 Introduction to Politics (3cr.)
Tuesday & Thursday, 5:00-8:15pm

PO 203 American Foreign Policy (3cr.)
Monday & Wednesday, 5:00-8:15pm

PS 225 Abnormal Psychology (3cr.)
Monday & Wednesday, 5:00-8:15pm

PS 303 Management & Organizational
Behavior (4cr.)
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Natural Environment (4cr.)
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TH 311 Principles of Acting I (4cr.)
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News

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Reaccreditation team suggests improvements in advising *Two-tier system means students would have two advisers during four-year period*

By Rebecca Bazinet
Staff Writer

The St. Michael's advising system has "many structural weaknesses," according to a recent report from a regional reaccreditation group.

In its March 15 report, The New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) suggested a two-tier system designed to help students choose majors, meet requirements and receive help in their areas of interest.

All students have advisers on campus but, according to the report, many do not know exactly what they are there for or what type of guidance they should supply.

As students choose courses and prepare for next semester, advisers are supposed to be there to help guide students. Advisers help students make sure they are fulfilling liberal studies, major, or minor requirements, in addition to thinking about their future on a long-term scale, Associate Dean Edward Mahoney said.

They should also be helping to get students involved with things other than their major to broaden their experiences, Mahoney said.

In the self-appraisal prepared for the self-study committee, Mahoney said for the most part the faculty is committed to aca-

demically advising. However, the college is lagging behind other institutions in involving many segments of the campus into its advising, he said.

Mahoney holds yearly training sessions for faculty where attendance is not always high. In these sessions, he tries to make advisers aware of the resources on campus such as the Student Life Office and the Student Resource Center.

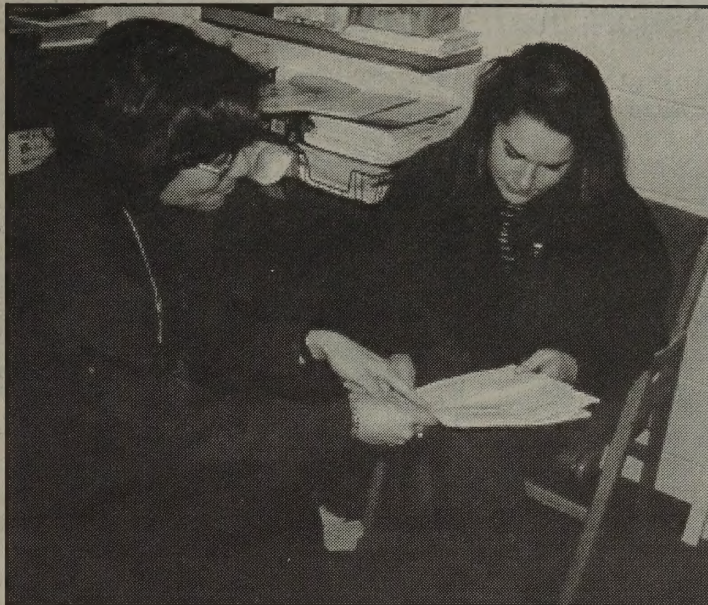
He also helps them realize that there is more to advising than just signing up students for courses. He teaches advisers how to work with students with special needs and informs them of different procedures students need to follow.

NEASC suggested a two-tier adviser system to help improve advising conditions.

Freshmen would be assigned an adviser to guide them through their first two years in choosing a major and completing their liberal studies requirements. During their junior and senior years, students would have another adviser in their major.

This would help spread out the load of students and give more direction in the area students need it the most, the report said.

With the current system students are assigned to advisers according to their anticipated major when they enter as freshmen.



English Professor Kathleen Balutansky (left) helps junior Jillian Roche select courses for next semester.

Usually two or more professors from a department are designated the advisers for the class, Registrar John Sheehy said.

They will advise that class through its four years at St. Michael's. The year after the class graduates the advisers will begin again with the incoming freshmen class, explained Sheehy.

He said students entering as exploratory students are placed with advisers in majors that have fewer students. This is to keep the numbers of students in each group down.

Sheehy said adviser groups work best with fewer students in

each group, allowing for more interaction between student and adviser.

He feels 15-20 students per adviser is a good number to have. In the situations of popular majors such as business, psychology and biology, large groups of students with one adviser are unavoidable, Sheehy said.

Many students complain that in a large group they do not get the attention or guidance they need, but some say it can be more convenient for both students and advisers to meet in a large group.

"If I have a good idea of what I want to take, then meeting in a large group saves me a lot of

time, but when I have questions I know I can meet individually," sophomore Kristen Grosso said.

Mahoney said an adviser can only do as much as students want. "Not all students are looking for an adviser," he said.

Sophomore Chris Riggott agreed. "I really don't talk to my adviser that much, so I don't expect that much back."

Other students have closer relationships with their advisers. Sophomore Meghan Lavery spends time visiting her adviser, Patricia Siplon, discussing more than just what courses she should take next semester. "She is a friend. She's also a great adviser."

If students switch majors or find another adviser they feel more comfortable working with, they just need to get a change-of-adviser sheet and get the new and old advisers to sign it.

With the anticipation of more registration being done online, advising is looking to go through some changes in the years to come. Mahoney and Sheehy both say that online registration could aid advisers if integrated properly with the system the college already has.

Advisers would be able to see what students have taken or what they need to take at the push of a button, Mahoney said.

However, if it is not integrated well they could lose even more interaction between student and advisor, Mahoney said.

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Vermont House of Representatives passes civil union bill

Bill goes to Vermont Senate next; attorneys for Baker vs. Vermont lecture during family weekend

By Juan Martinez-Lage

Staff Writer
and

Jen Calkins
Staff Editor

The Vermont House of Representatives made history Thursday night when it voted in favor of a "civil unions" bill that would give same-sex couples the rights and benefits of marriage.

The House voted 76-69 in favor of the bill after two days of heated and emotional debate. The bill goes to the Senate, which is expected to vote on the issue in the next month.

The bill comes in response to a Dec. 20 Supreme Court ruling, that stated it is unconstitutional to deny same-sex couples the privileges heterosexual marriage allows. The House Judiciary Committee drafted the bill that would allow gay and lesbian couples to enter into civil unions, a parallel to marriage that grants most of its responsibilities and benefits.

Civil unions would entitle gay couples to the health, legal, insurance, and parental benefits that married couples receive, but these rights would not be applica-

ble in other states.

Although Hawaii and California have domestic partnership programs for same-sex couples, they pale in comparison to what the civil union bill would offer. More than 30 states have passed laws that define marriage as strictly between a man and a woman.

Couples wishing to enter into a civil union would obtain a license from the town clerk where they live, and the union would be certified in a ceremony similar to a civil marriage. Civil unions would be dissolved in family court.

St. Michael's fine arts Professor Peter Harrigan and his partner, Stan Baker, were one of three couples who sued the state after being denied marriage licenses by their town clerks.

Saturday, Beth Robinson and Susan Murray, lawyers of the three couples, came to campus to discuss same-sex marriage and its implications. The Women's



Photo by Jen Calkins
Susan Murray a lawyer in the case of Baker vs. Vermont speaks at St. Michael's

Caucus sponsored the event. About 45 people attended.

Linda Hollingdale, assistant director of the Student Resource Center, introduced the lecture.

"Although St. Michael's has taken no official stance on the same-sex marriage debate, it's been wonderful and supportive of allowing debate and academic discourse on all perspectives on this issue," Hollingdale said.

"People who believe in this

civil rights issue, which is simply the opportunity for equal responsibility, benefits and protection for same-sex couples, are knocking at the door of change."

The lecture started with a 17-minute video produced in 1996 by The Vermont Freedom to Marry Task Force. In the film, several gay couples from Vermont explained how their lives were affected by their lack of rights.

Robinson compared public opinion on same-sex marriage with the view of interracial marriage 50 years ago. After World War II, 30 out of 48 states did not recognize interracial marriages, she said.

Murray gave a chronology of events that led up to the House's decision to pass the civil unions bill.

In July 1997, she and Robinson took on the couples' case and sued the state. The case was dismissed.

In January 1998, they appealed to the Vermont

Supreme Court. Eleven months later, the Supreme Court said that under the state Constitution, same-sex couples deserve the same rights as straight couples, but left up to the Legislature the decision to legalize same-sex marriage or create a parallel domestic partnership program.

The Legislature elected a commission of 11 representatives from the House Judiciary Committee to draft the bill.

The committee held many hearings on the debate, including two that were open to the public and drew thousands to the Statehouse.

The House of Representatives passed the bill last week, and the bill is expected to pass the Senate. Gov. Howard Dean has promised to sign the bill into law if the Senate passes it.

Although the bill looks promising, Murray cautioned against predicting its passage.

"We are not there yet. We are one-third on the way there," Murray said. She said the process is going to be long and the Senate will hold more hearings.

"It is a hell of a good bill," she said.

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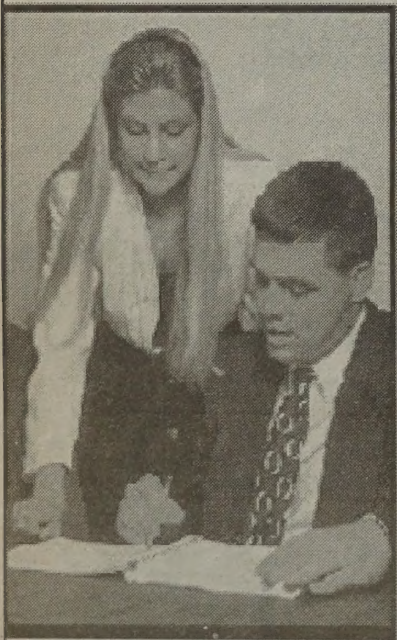
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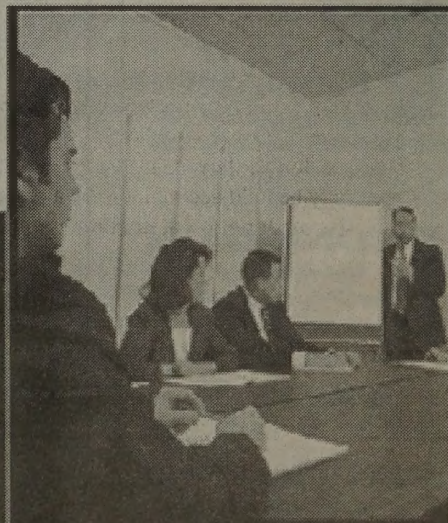
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Opinion/Editorial

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Editorial

Lock your doors

During the past month, five cars were entered, a laptop computer was stolen, and the game room in Alumni Hall was vandalized. Director of Safety and Security Peter Soons says, "I don't think it [crime] is significantly greater or less this year." So the more things change, the more they stay the same—at least according to Soons.

So, when we look at the Security log do we really learn anything about crime on campus?

What the log says

The Security log from Jan. 19 through March 18 shows:

- Jan. 21 Burglary at Ethan Allen Apartments
- Jan. 22 Larceny/theft in Jean Marie
- Jan. 27 Intrusion alarm 1415/1453
- Jan. 28 Intrusion alarm 1415
- Feb. 6 Unlawful entry on College Parkway
- Feb. 12 Vandalism in 200s
- Feb. 13 Vandalism at Hamel Hall
- March 15 Larceny/theft in St. Edmund's
- March 17 Intrusion alarm in Dupont Hall
- March 18 Vandalism in Alumni Hall
- March 18 Vandalism in Joyce Hall
- March 18 Vandalism in Lyons Hall

What's the deal?

Soons said the stolen laptop was found in a student's room by Security. It wasn't considered grand larceny by the college; but technically it is. According to Vermont law, a person who steals something valued over \$500 has committed grand larceny.

Because the college is handling the case of the stolen laptop by making the student go before the judicial board, should the college-count that in the annual report? Yes, but, it probably won't since the case is being handled internally. The Colchester police were notified but told not to take action. Why were the police notified if the entire incident was going to be swept under the rug?

Soons suggests the students doing the crimes need to be made accountable for their actions, to themselves and the community.

However, the college needs to be responsible for holding students accountable for their actions even if it means not handling the case internally.

The college won't give out the student's name, but the other 1,800 students want to know if there is a thief among us.

Security reported zero robberies, and two burglaries during 1998 (the '99 report will come out next fall.) In the annual report Security is not required by law to print cases of vandalism. So what is the college counting?

A robbery by Vermont statute is considered a person taking property from another person by threat or by force. Burglaries are only counted at St. Michael's when a person enters on to a premise where they are not allowed and they must show intent to commit a felony.

Again, it is a question of who's counting and what the criteria for the tally are. It seems evident that crimes on campus are on the rise or, more accurately, not recorded.

Solution

Let's step back and look at our own actions. Do we lock our doors? Some students feel Security is being hypocritical for blaming others because they didn't lock the doors to the classrooms in Jeanmarie where the media cabinets are kept. This shouldn't be the case.

Security shouldn't have to lock up every classroom on campus. That doesn't solve anything. We shouldn't have to be locked out of places on campus because of those who steal or wreck other people's property.

Students know they can vandalize and steal property because they will only be held accountable by a select few in Student Life and the Judicial Board; not by their community.

Danielle Bergeron
Executive Editor

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The decisions we make with regard to content and style are our own, and are influenced only by our goal of both informing and entertaining our readers.

We believe in the freedom of expression. We encourage our readers to express their views at any time.

The Defender publishes letters to the editor in response to articles that have been printed in the paper and issues on campus. *The Defender* does not publish anonymous letters. Letters will be edited only for grammar, spelling, and good taste.

Photo of the Week



The Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris, France

Photo by Julie Mereschuk

Readers forum

F-16s take off at airport

Dear editor,

I am not usually a critic of *The Defender*. I know that everyone involved in the process, from the writers to the editors, are all involved in a learning process.

Mistakes, omissions and oversights all occur and it is all part of the learning process.

I did see a mistake in a front-page article in the Feb. 16, edition titled "Camp Johnson F-16 pilot training disturbs classes, campus" that really did bother me.

The F-16 jets that so often disturb life here at St. Michael's do not take off from Camp Johnson and have very little to do with Camp Johnson.

Starting with the headline and continuing throughout the article the readers are given the impression that somehow the jets take off and land from Camp Johnson when indeed they are headquartered at the Vermont Air National Guard hangar at the Burlington International Airport.

I was disappointed that an oversight like this made it through the entire editorial process when it is clear to most students here that no planes take off or land at Camp Johnson.

There was even a picture of one of these fighter jets in the article, most likely of which was taken at the airport.

While reporting, the facts gathered and quotes used clearly make it an relevant and important story to St. Michael's, but care should be taken in making sure that readers are not given grossly erroneous facts.

It should have been clear to those involved in the process, most of which work frequently in Bergeron, that no planes are taking off or landing at Camp Johnson.

Bergeron can be no more than 500 yards from Camp Johnson gates and the only planes at Camp Johnson are those cemented to the ground at the entrance gates.

I know great care will continue to be taken in the writing and editing process of *The*

Defender in the future but I was rather disappointed in this particular error.

Bobby Gates
Senior

Cross country for a cure

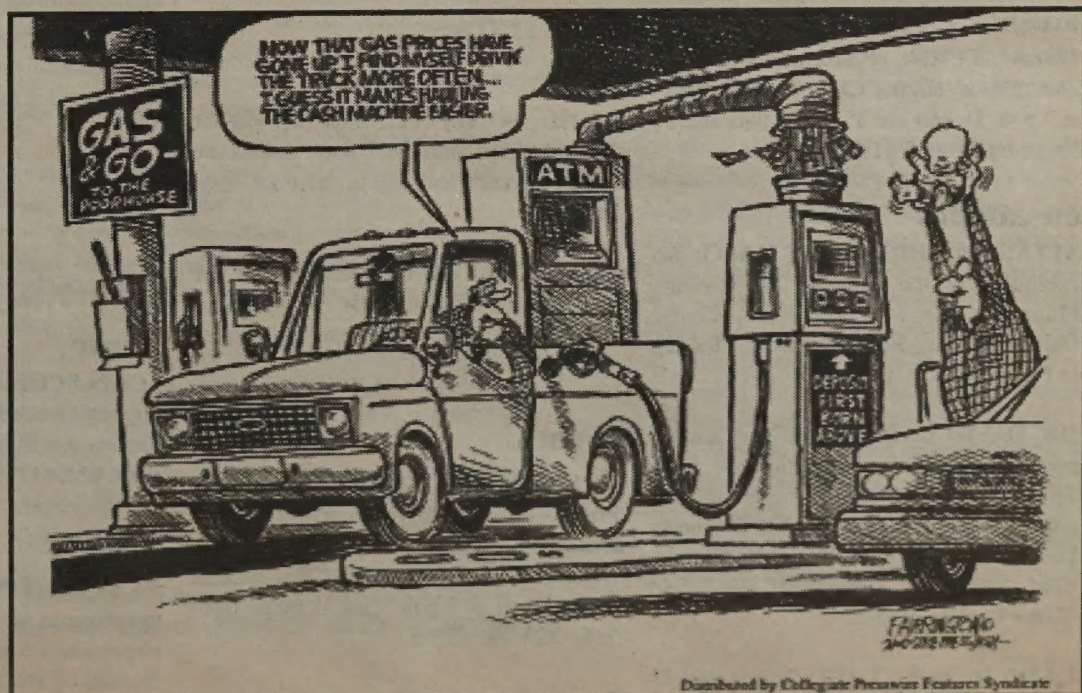
Dear editor,

I would just like to thank *The Defender* their article on the cross-country bike ride that Allison Borchers and I will be taking part in this summer.

The article really gave a nice synopsis of both the ride and the cause. Unfortunately, what the article did not give was an address where donations could be sent.

All donations may be made out to "Cross Country for a Cure" and sent to 14 Morgan Drive Danvers, MA 01923 or to Box 3105 on campus. All donations are tax deductible and will go to a truly deserving organization, the American Cancer Society.

Michael Caruso
Senior



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March

CALENDAR

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March

QUEBEC'S CIRQUE ELOIZE: Performs gravity-defying acrobatics, high-flying trapeze acts, and dynamic juggling techniques at the Flynn Theatre. The show's name Excentricus is a Quebecois expression for heat lightning. This 15-member company of acrobats and musicians was a huge hit as an opening act for Broadway's recently restored New Victory Theater. Cirque Eloize performs at the Flynn on March 25. Show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$14 to \$25. 863-5966.

GOOD WILL HUNTING: Tells the story of two Irish-American men from South Boston. One is a savant. "Good Will Hunting" was written by and stars Matt Damon and Ben Affleck. This is the ninth film in the St. Michael's film series, and includes a 10-minute introduction by English Professor Robert Niemi. Film starts at 7 p.m. Monday in the McCarthy Recital Hall. Admission, popcorn, and soda, are free. 654-2355.

PICASSO AT THE LAPIN AGILE: The St. Michael's Social Science Colloquium Series will perform this play written by Steve Martin. It is set in a bar in Paris in 1904, where Pablo Picasso, Albert Einstein and another mysterious 20th-century figure gossip, drink and talk about the endless possibilities of the new century. Show starts at 8 p.m., March 22 and runs through March 25, in the Rathskeller, Alliot Hall.

ZOLA TURN: Performs Thursday with the Zambonis at Higher Ground. Show starts at 7 p.m. Zola Turn is touring to promote its new album, "Ninja Jane." Tickets are \$5 for 21plus and \$7 for under 21.



Photo courtesy of the Flynn Theatre

22
Wednesday

music

FARMER'S NIGHT - VERMONT YOUTH ORCHESTRA CONCERT: Performs at the Statehouse, Montpelier. This show is open to the public and admission is free. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. 658-4708.

drama

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on-campus

CARDIO-KARATE & SELF-DEFENSE COURSE: This class will teach self-protection. It includes a 45-minute cardiovascular workout. The course runs every Wednesday until April 5, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., in the Tarrant Recreational Center.

GLOBALIZATION AFTER SEATTLE: The view from Haiti by Camille Chalmers, veteran leader of Haiti's pro-democracy movement, Chief of Staff to former President Jean Bertrand Aristide, leader of PAPDA, a coalition of Haitian union peasant organizations at 7 p.m. Farrell Room, St. Edmund's Hall.

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Thursday

music

ZOLA TURN: Performs with the Zambonis at Higher Ground. Show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for 21 plus and \$7 for under 21. 655-6137.

on-campus

ALTARS & SHRINES OF HAITI: An exhibition of the paintings of Marilene Phipps in the McCarthy Arts Center Gallery. Gallery hours run from Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

DR. DAVID DABYDEEN: This author, poet, and scholar will lecture on "The Triumph of West Indian Writing" at 6:30 p.m. in the Farrell Room, St. Edmund's Hall. Dabydeen's previous novels include, "The Intended," "Disappearance," and "The Counting House."

LATIN DANCE CLASS: Started Feb. 21

running through April 3, from 6:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Admission is free. Space is limited to six women and six men. Advanced sign up is necessary. 654-2498.

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Friday

music

TOBY FOYEH & ORCHESTRA AFRICA: Perform at Higher Ground. Show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. 655-6137.

KATE BARCLAY: This St. Alban's singer/songwriter performs at Borders Café Expresso. Show starts at 8 p.m. Admission is free. 865-2711.

on-campus

KID'S KNIGHT OUT: An evening of swimming, arts and crafts, football, movies, basketball and more for children ages 5 to 12, from 5 to 9 p.m. in the Ross Sports Center. Advanced registration is required. Fee is \$10 per child. 654-2721.

etc.

INTERMEDIATE WATERCOLOR: Taught by Jean Cannon at the Firehouse Center for the Visual Arts 135 Church St. Two-dimensional pre-requisites recommended. This class is held on Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m., through April 13. Cost is \$100 not including materials.

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Saturday

music

APRIL WINE: Performs at Higher Ground. Show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$16 in advance and \$18 at the door. 655-6137.

KAREN SAVOCA: Performs at the Burlington Coffeehouse at the Rhombus Gallery. Show starts at 8 p.m. Admission is \$10. 864-5888.

drama

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etc.

THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD IN VERMONT: Paul Dumais, president of the committee on the Underground Railroad and 1999 recipient of the National Diversity award, will give a slide presentation about Vermonters in the Underground Railroad. This lecture runs from 1 to 3 p.m. the Community Room, Fletcher Free Library. 863-3403.

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Sunday

music

VERMONT YOUTH FLUTES: This seven-week program gives school-age flutists the opportunity to rehearse in both a large flute choir and small ensembles at Burlington High School from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuition is \$100. Directed by Anne Decker. 658-4708.

Y'ALL: This country and western music band performs at Borders Café Expresso. Show starts at 3 p.m. Admission is free. 865-2711.

on-campus

AEROBICS CLASSES: Step-aerobic classes held Sundays, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. and dance-aerobic classes held Tuesdays, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. All classes held in the Tarrant Aerobics room on 2nd floor near the fitness center. No sign up is needed for classes. 654-2498.

etc.

SUGAR ON SNOW PARTIES: An afternoon filled with tasty treats, family activities and tours in the sugarbush at the Green Mountain Audubon Nature Center from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free. 434-3068.

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Monday

music

JOHN SCOFIELD BAND: Performs at Higher Ground. Show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$14 at the door. 655-6137.

drama

PLAYWRITING WORKSHOP: An appetizer to what's to come in the Flynn's expanding community education program this fall on Wednesday evenings from 6:30

to 9:30 p.m. Award-winning New York playwright Burgess Clark will lead the seminar. Tuition is \$240 and class size is limited to eight. 652-4500.

film

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art

VERNER REED: A Retrospective of photo journalism is on exhibit until April 1 in the East Gallery at the Helen Day Art Center in Stowe. 253-8358.

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Tuesday

music

GRANOLA FUNK EXPRESS: Performs with The B-Side Players at Higher Ground. Show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for 21 plus and \$6 for under 21. 655-6137.

OPEN MIC: Is being held at the Burlington Coffeehouse at the Rhombus Gallery. All are welcome. Show starts at 8 p.m. Admission is free. 864-5888.

drama

CAMELOT: The classic story of King Arther, Guinevere, the Knights of the Round Table has never been more beautifully portrayed than in this Tony Award-winning Broadway musical now being performed at the Flynn at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$22 - \$42. 863-5966.

art

ORNAMENTS AND DECORATION MATERIALS AND MOTIFS: Exhibitions in Progress, are on display in the Walkout Gallery at the Fleming Museum until June 25. 656-0750.

ARTICLES OF FAITH: An exhibition of Lawn Mary's and Frontyard Saints, by artist Gary Duehr at the Francis Colburn Gallery, Williams Hall, UVM. 656-2014.

Features

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Horoscopes

By Cosmic Cleo

Want the answers to life's burning questions? Don't call a psychic 900 number! Read below...



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You know those friends from home you haven't talked to for a while? Write a letter or give them a call this week. They need to hear from you. Someone is looking at you in a different light. Just play along.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): There is something you've been keeping from someone and now you think you should tell them. Well, now is not the time. Your wishful thinking is clouding your judgement, step back and try to look at things with a clear focus.



ARIES (March 21-April 19): So you think you have too many platonic relationships and you want to propose that you move to a different level? Weigh your options carefully. There is a possibility that it may not work out as you planned. On a happier note, your hard work in your classes will pay off this week.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20): This is your week to shine, get out and live a little. Treat yourself, go to the movies, out to dinner, or buy that new piece of clothing. Keep your senses open, a new and mysterious stranger will enter your life this week. Happy hunting.



GEMINI (May 21-June 21): You're a great leader and a close and reliable friend. So your love life may not be as great as you want it to be. Give it time and do not rush into anything. Your real friends will stand by you through tough times.



CANCER (June 22-July 22): Make a decision to start a new relationship with someone. Don't dwell on the past but only look to the future, by the way who is that cutie who is always in the mailroom at the same time as you?



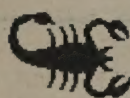
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Open your closets and shake out the skeletons. The good that you have to offer the world far outweighs any lingering imperfections. Friends and strangers alike are eager to receive your gifts.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Someone may have disappointed you but it is in your best interest to forgive them and give them a second chance. Do not let this petty situation end a friendship. Your heart may be put on the line this week, be prepared.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Think before you take a trip or confess your undying love to someone. The results may not be what you expect. Your loyalty to your friends and loved ones will help you reach your goals as well as bring you all closer together.



SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 24): Your love for alone time will be tested as your friends are longing to be around you. Let them, you need them as much as they need you. Don't look far away for someone to love. The one you want may be closer than you think.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): This week you have a lack of focus. You find yourself daydreaming in class. Snap out of it. Welcome back to reality. There are things this week that need to be done. You just don't have the time to let your imagination get the best of you. You know that project that is due.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): An embarrassing situation is bound to occur this week either in class or maybe the cafeteria. Don't let it get to you. Step back and look at the situation and see how you can use it to your advantage. Maybe it will be a future conversation starter.

CAMPUS SPEAKS

If you were in charge what would you do with the extra money being charged for tuition?



"I would allocate money to the creation of more student programs and classes."

Jessica Freire,
sophomore



I believe that tuition money should be spent to improve residence halls."

Erin McShane,
freshman



"I would allocate money to the chapel and campus ministry."

Katie Roy,
freshman



"I would improve parking and housing on campus."

Brendan Gow,
junior



"I would give part of the money to the SA and the other toward new buildings on campus."

Becky Bean,
freshman



"I would put money towards teacher salaries, because they do such a great job."

Aaron Page,
senior



"I think if there was a way to consolidate health care for staff, less money would have to be spent."

Phil McCall,
junior

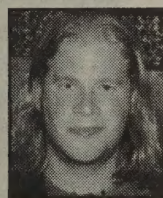


"I think they need more money allocated for housing."

Katherine Campbell,
sophomore

Open Your Eyes

By Josh Cook



I remember watching conspiracy movies in my youth. It was fun to pretend that the world did, in fact, revolve around the workings of grizzled old men smoking cigarettes in dimly lit back rooms, in a back-country town; that they plotted to kill JFK, John Lennon, and the guy who actually sang for Milli Vanilli -- thank God he survived. It was an entertaining way of making sense of a senseless world. If you've failed your philosophy final, it wasn't your fault, it was the One-Armed Man.

We can have a good laugh at these movies, because there's no possible way a small group of rich white men could run the world.

I mean they would have to create some kind of giant oligarchy of multi-national businesses that answer to no government's sovereignty in order to even think of it.

Even then, they would only be businessmen, not government officials who are given power by the people. It's not like power in this world can simply be bought, right?

Power in this world, or at least in this country, comes directly from the people. We give it to our elected officials at our discretion. We submit to laws and laws alone. We choose to be governed. We would not allow our minds and habits to be bent by some kind of all-present media brainwashing

project, conducted by a few powerful companies in the attempt to widen profit margin by narrowing our ability to see what it is we are buying, if such a thing could possibly exist.

We are a country of individuals who would not let our tastes be controlled by anyone, including a network of giant corporations.

It is hoped that the American people would have the strength of will to see through its well-researched techniques developed by psychologists with the expressed purpose of slipping through our defenses and planting ideas in our heads that we don't notice.

I mean, we're Americans, we conquered the West (including a big chunk of Mexico and eventually Panama), we survived the Depression, we saved Europe in two world wars, we invented the light bulb, the telephone, the assembly line, and the television. We are too strong a people to be influenced by such brilliantly crafted advertising techniques.

Look at it this way: if businessmen really wanted to run the world, they would have established some kind of official pseudo-governmental organization with binding power over sovereign nations. You would think that, especially with the new global economy, these powerful men would have created something that would seem to have even more power than the United Nations.

They would have given it the ability to change laws in nations and impose sanctions and such. I mean, they would go to a great deal of trouble to create some kind of world-wide organization whose purpose is to further trade without regard for morals, ethics, beauty, human life, wait a second. A World Trade Organization, perhaps the WTO! Oh my God!

Kaleidoscope

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Photo by Nate Thompson

Tim Brookes, who teaches in the English department at the University of Vermont, thumbed across America two summers ago.

By April Patti
Kaleidoscope Editor

“I had gotten this ride out of London [Ontario] from a vacuum cleaner salesman who was going on the 401 at 100 mph in traffic...and when you go that fast the tires start to feel liquid. You feel as though you're floating above the road. And there's nothing holding you down. I got out and I thought, 'That's it; I've lost my nerve.'”

Luckily, Tim Brookes regained his nerve and lived to tell his tale of cross-country hitchhiking in the January issue of National Geographic magazine.

Sitting in UVM's Old Mill Hall, where he has taught off and on since 1980, and wearing an 'I love Dad' sticker, it is hard to believe that this is the same man.

With a British accent, Brookes spoke modestly and nonchalantly about his life and travels, especially his long-time passion of hitchhiking.

The Essex writer and English Professor started in Brookville, Pa., traveled west across the country, and then all the way back east to end his last ride at the foot of his driveway in Essex, Vt. Brookes chose to travel in July and the entire trip took less than five weeks, he said.

During Brookes' adventure, 38 people stopped to give him rides, and he traveled more than 8,000 miles by foot, bus, train, subway, car, taxi and streetcar.

Brookes had thought about his 1973 trip for a few years when he began to pitch the idea to several magazines, including Rolling Stone.

“Part of me always felt that there was something illegitimate about claiming any kind of attention for doing something which, when I was 20, everybody did without thinking about it,” he said.

Brookes grew up in and around London and began hitchhiking before college. A college girlfriend brought him to the U.S. in the early 1970s, when he first hitchhiked across the continent, and he traveled back and forth from England to the U.S. for the next 10 years.

Brookes finally settled in Vermont and has taught in the English departments at UVM and St. Michael's, wrote for *The Burlington Free Press* and the now-defunct *Vanguard Press*, and has worked for Vermont Public Radio since 1989.

St. Michael's English Professor John Engels has known Brookes for many years and said they used to play folk music together.

“I'm definitely a fan; he has been able to sustain himself as a free-lance writer, he's funny, a fine teacher

and he speaks well. He's finally managed to overcome his Englishness,” Engels said, jokingly.

“I admire him for undertaking this endeavor and completing it successfully,” Engels said.

Brookes has also written two books, “Signs of Life” and “Catching My Breath,” and is working on a third, to be called “A Hell of a Place to Lose a Cow”: *My Road Trip Across America*, that chronicles his many adventures in hitchhiking, particularly his latest trip.

He began work on a book proposal based on the trip that, but there was one major obstacle standing in

his way.

“The whole idea of taking a month off and doing this would cost me a lot of money. I couldn't afford to do the trip,” Brookes said.

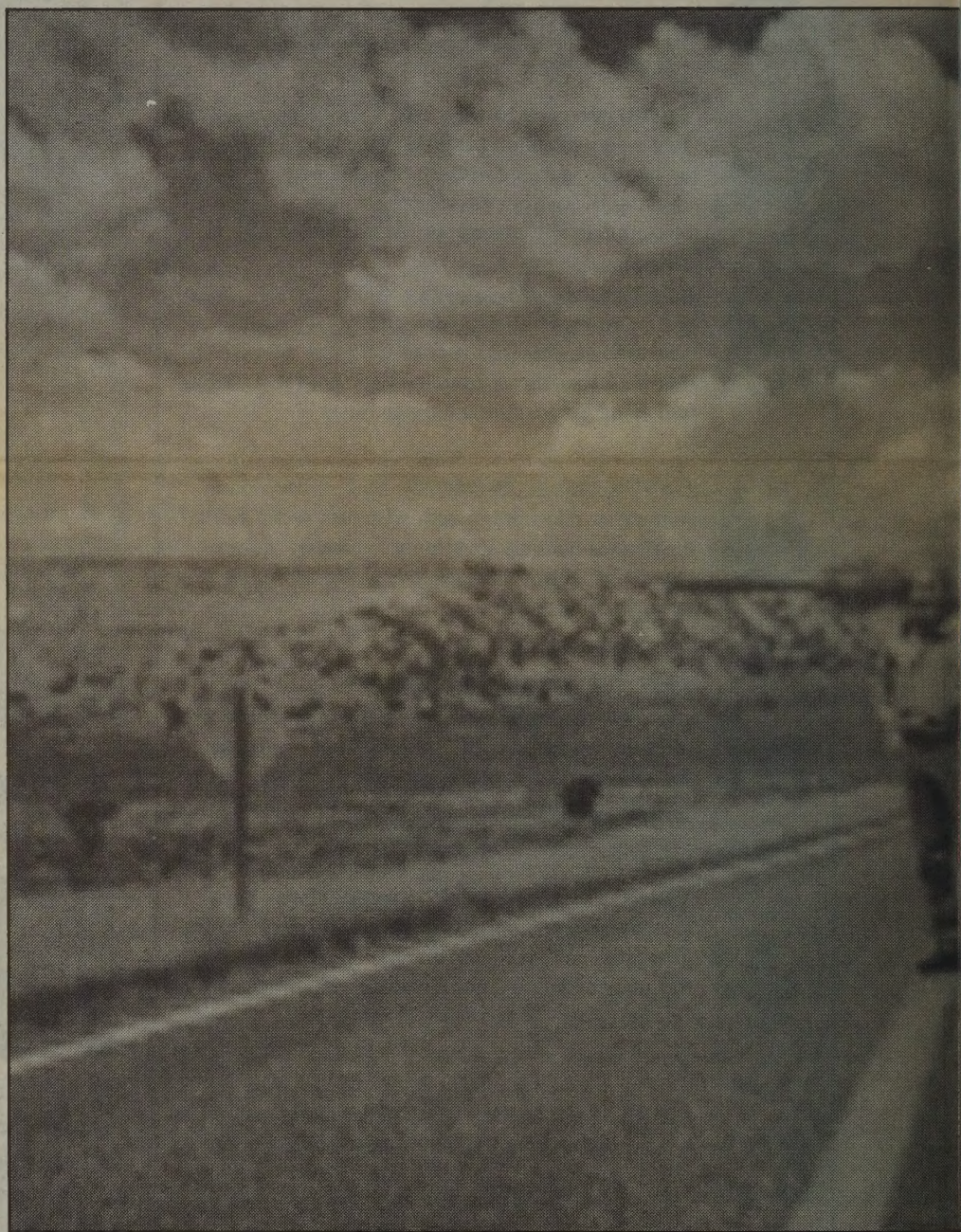
Finally he proposed the idea to Oliver Payne at National Geographic magazine and waited for a response.

Luckily for Brookes, a Polish photographer on staff, Tomasz Tomaszewski, was also interested in making the trip.

“On my 45th birthday, Oliver called and said, ‘You've got your road trip,’” Brookes said. The

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*Former St. Michael's
Brookes hitchhikes across
the first time*



Tim Brookes and Tomasz Tomaszewski pause in southeastern Utah to enjoy the view.

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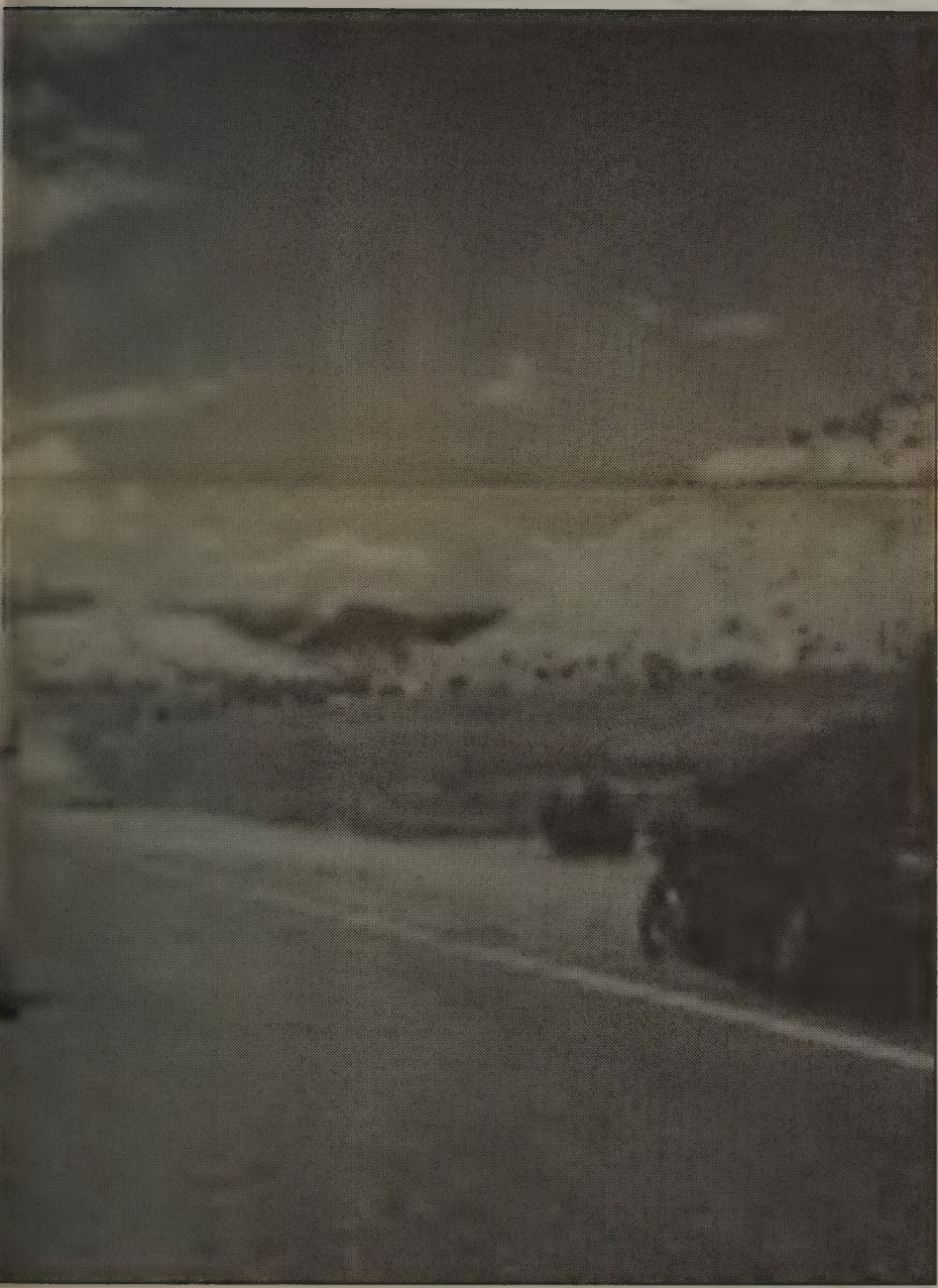


Photo by Tim Brookes

scene was set.

"I really wanted to know what would happen to me once I got out and about," Brookes said.

Brookes' wife, Barbara Boutsikaris, was slightly less thrilled than her husband at the prospect of his being away from home for such a long time.

"I have to say, at first I was probably a little resentful," she said.

Boutsikaris is a working mother with two daughters, Zoe, 13 and Maddie, 5.

"I was not looking forward to holding down the fort while he got to have all the fun," she said.

Boutsikaris said as the time passed while her husband was gone, she learned a lot about herself, but it annoyed her that she could not keep in close contact with Brookes.

"It was frustrating that I couldn't get in touch with him had there been an emergency," Boutsikaris said.

"Overall, it was an amazing experience for him and a great opportunity," she said.

Preparing for this trip was slightly different than it was in 1973.

He was not used to working under such a lavish budget.

**"When you're out
on the road, you let
everything go.
You're just there."**

Tim Brookes

Brookes' new Gortex jacket cost more than three times the \$90 his entire previous trip cost him.

One thing Brookes used on the trip that he had never owned before is a cellular phone.

He and Tomaszewski were instructed to carry them, and while it is strange to think of a hitchhiker with a cell phone, Brookes carried it anyway and joked that if he were really starving he could have had a pizza delivered.

As Brookes thumbed his way along, Tomaszewski drove to specific landmarks and the two met up in Iowa City, Iowa; Beaver, Utah; and Sturgis, S.D., so Tomaszewski could photograph Brookes at these locations.

Brookes said he enjoyed this trip for the most part, and that he learned a lot about memory.

He said he had not anticipated how little he would actually remember from his first trip. He found some of his most vivid memories were not accurate.

"I would go to the same place and look at the same thing and not recognize it," he said.

But it was the people he met along the way who made the greatest impression.

"Like the guy who picked me up and when he opened the trunk of his Cadillac El Dorado with the tinted windows, he actually had a sword and a shotgun in the trunk. He really liked to see himself as a gangster," Brookes said.

"The great thing about hitchhiking is that you are always meeting people," he said.

On his way to New Mexico, Brookes was picked up by a 50-year-old man who claimed to have seen a UFO the week before, and proceeded to tell Brookes his story.

While he has spent what probably amounts to hundreds of hours hitchhiking, Brookes maintains it is not dangerous, but instead brings out human vulnerability.

"The main feature of hitchhiking is that you are vulnerable. You are away from home and you are vulnerable," Brookes said.

He said hitchhiking is self-selective. "The people who pick you up are pleasant people," Brookes said.

Brookes talked about the ex-convict, Kevin, who picked him up.

"He was a riot. He came up with this great line about setting his cruise control on 84. He said, 'I hate to take this thing out of cruise control,' Brookes said.

Brookes described the car as a beat-up old pick-up truck. "The seat belts didn't work. He would sort of dangle one over his shoulder so the police had something to look at," he said.

Despite a few questionable moments, Brookes still claims that his is the only way to travel.

"I just love hitchhiking. When you're out on the road you let everything go. You're just there."

Brookes said although he is glad to be back home with his family, another road trip is not out of the question.

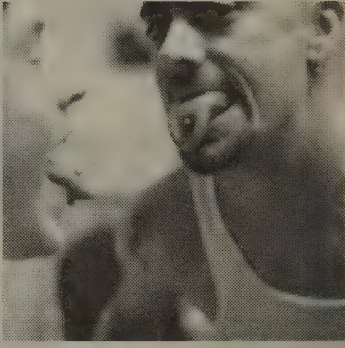
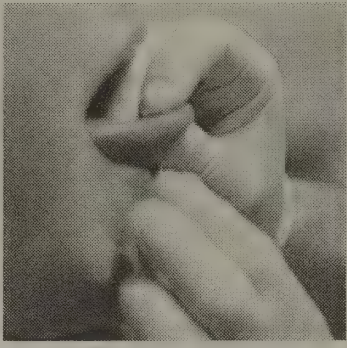
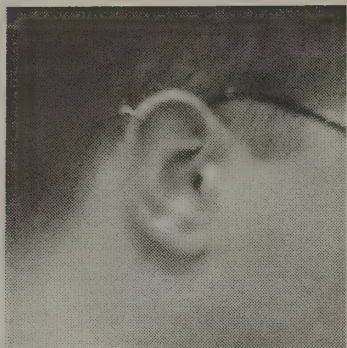
"I guess the strangest thing about this whole hitchhiking enterprise is that at the heart of it, it's no big deal," Brookes said.

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Nine students add ornaments at piercing party

Photos and story by
Emilee Hoover
Staff Writer
Designed by
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Upon arriving to college, most students feel the need to express themselves in a new way, or rebel against their parents.

On March 11, freshman Brian Harvey gave students the opportunity to do both.

Harvey organized a piercing party at A Different Stroke Tattoo in Burlington. Students who participated were given a discount on everything but genital piercings.

At one point in the evening, 16 St. Michael's students were on hand. Three left without participating, and four people decided to hold off on the piercing and provide moral support.

Caleb Smart was one of the three students who left. "First of all, they didn't have what I was looking for," he said. "That and it was kind of a sketchy situation. They didn't look too experienced to me -- that and they wanted to charge me double," he said.

Smart said he went down to A Different Stroke because of the

campus-wide e-mail Harvey sent. The plug he wanted for his ear lobe usually cost \$15 - \$20 at other piercing parlors, but A Different Stroke charged \$40, after the discount, he said.

Chris Shaw, the main piercer at A Different Stroke, said nine students walked away with metallic additions to their bodies.

Three people at A Different Stroke performed the procedures. Unknown to most of the students, two were still training as apprentices.

Brian Griggs is "pretty much a piercer now," Shaw said but Catie Coleman had only done

three or four piercings before the party.

Erica Chabot, one of the students involved, wishes that she had been informed of Coleman's amateur status.

"I did not enjoy my piercing experience at all," Chabot said.

"She tooled around on my belly for 24 minutes before piercing me." "It was arguably one of the worst experiences of my life," Chabot said.

Chabot said Coleman pierced her twice to get the navel ring in, but in the process she was punctured with the needle. Chabot said the person pierced

after her took two minutes for the entire procedure.

Coleman was not available for comment.

Carissa Leal, however, loves her piercings. Leal had both of her nipples done.

"It's really additive," Leal said.

Harvey is also satisfied with his new genital and ear piercings. "I love them. My new toys are great," Harvey said. "If I didn't have them, I'd do them again."

Like many of the students who attended the piercing party, Katie Roy said the party was the push for having her navel pierced. Roy said she probably would have set up a time to do it eventually, but that the discount to \$30 helped.

Kevin Broderick, who had his tongue pierced, said having his friends around made it easier but is anticipating what his parents will say.

Harvey is disappointed with the outcome of the party.

"Three out of nine people dissatisfied isn't good," he said. "You should have 100 percent of the people walk out happy with what they got."

Where to go

Yankee Tattoo
198 Pearl St. 862-3388
Navel- \$40
Nipple- \$60 one/ \$100 both
Ear Cartilage- \$40
Ear Lobe- \$20
Tongue- \$60
Nose- \$40
Eyebrow- \$40

Body Art
78 Main St. 863-7870
Navel- \$40
Nipple- \$40 each
Ear Cartilage- \$40

Ear Lobe- \$20
Tongue- \$60
Nose- \$40
Eyebrow- \$40

One Stroke Piercing/ A Different Stroke Tattoo
132 Church St. 660-2700
Nipple- \$40 one/ \$60 both
Navel- \$40
Ear Cartilage- \$40
Ear Lobe- \$20
Tongue- \$60
Nose- \$40

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F O R T H E Love of Poetry

By Nora Conlon
Staff Writer

After the campus hype surrounding the St. Patrick's Day celebration, when all the felt shamrocks, four-leaf clover t-shirts, and green beer put away, St. Michael's will still have some genuine Irish flair.

Professor Greg Delanty, an adjunct in the English department, is a well-published, highly profiled Irish poet with a new book of poetry due out in April.

Delanty's poetry celebrates his heritage with themes ranging from the immigration experience, to love, politics and friendship.

"There is no general theme or inspiration to my poetry," Delanty said.

"It's complicated and it depends from book to book. I write a lot about being an immigrant, which hopefully becomes a metaphor for everybody's exile within themselves, and I also write about politics and F-16 planes flying over St. Michael's. It all depends."

Delanty has published five poetry collections including two special editions: "The Hellbox", "American Wake Southward", "Cast and Fire, Striped Ink", and "The Fifth Province." He is working on his sixth piece, "Leper's Walk." Apart from writing, Delanty has edited and received numerous poetry awards and acknowledgments.

Born in Cork, Ireland in 1958, Delanty remained in Ireland until 1985 when he came to America in order to earn some money. Delanty was offered a visiting position at the University of Vermont to teach Irish literature.

"It just so happens I met a woman and I am still here 15 years later," Delanty said.

Delanty settled in Burlington,

Vermont and has taught at New York University.

On campus, he teaches the Irish Literature class concentrating on Irish poetry from earlier works to contemporary, 20th century pieces.

Delanty's other classes include Writing for Poetry I, and Genres: Poetry.

Delanty brings to campus Irish poets like Peter Fallon who visited last month.

"I bring in guest speakers and poets so that students get to see and hear true, living, Irish poetry," Delanty said.

Sophomore Darcy Cullinan is taking Delanty's Irish literature class. She said she has gained a greater respect and appreciation for Ireland's history because of Delanty's enthusiasm and the material covered in the course.

The class, which explores Ireland's history and Irish poetry's main themes including refuge, love, time, and a celebration of the ordinary, just finished their segment on the famous Irish poet W.B. Yeats.

Outside of class, Delanty spends his time working on and revising his own poetry which he has been writing for several years. Many of his poems such as "The Emigrant's Apology" have to do with immigration. Delanty wrote his book, Hell Box, to illustrate immigration. The hell box, a storage place for worn removable type that is melted down and made new, symbolizes immigration for Delanty. The hell box is an image of the American melting pot.

"The hell box is a metaphor for the Immigrant," Delanty said. "Using the hell box image is a way of remaking the language from various traditions that are a part of me and that embody where I come from. Perhaps the hell box is a metaphor for poetry itself."

"Professor Delanty's enthusiasm increased my awareness

and understanding surrounding Ireland's political history," Cullinan said.

"He's an embodiment of the struggles and he puts a face to the history. His brogue, though it was difficult to understand at first, gives the poetry added meaning and makes the text more real," she said.

Before enrolling in Delanty's course, Cullinan was unaware of Ireland's historical and political struggles.

"He told the class that Irish poetry reflects the Irish spirit and that neither Ireland's turbulent history nor the English have been able to break that spirit," Cullinan said.

Delanty helped dismiss many of the myths and stereotypes American students often have regarding Ireland.

"He also talks a great deal about how John Wayne in 'The Quiet Man' does not portray the typical Irish man. He is defensive about his heritage and his Ireland as compared to the Ireland in many students' minds."

"He jumps on chairs to read poetry and he's able to recite any and all Irish poems from the top of his head," Cullinan said. "He's very well versed."

Despite the fact his poetry is strongly rooted in his Irish heritage, Delanty said he wants his audience to be able to make a connection with his work regardless of their background.

"Whether it is a personal or public poem, there should be a base that people should be able to relate to," Delanty said. "I want it to strike something in all."

Of his native land, Delanty has nothing but praise, except that the weather can be "lousy." He and his wife are building a house in Kerry, Ireland and they spend two months out of the year there.

Delanty said there is a great deal less hype surrounding the St. Patrick's Day hol-

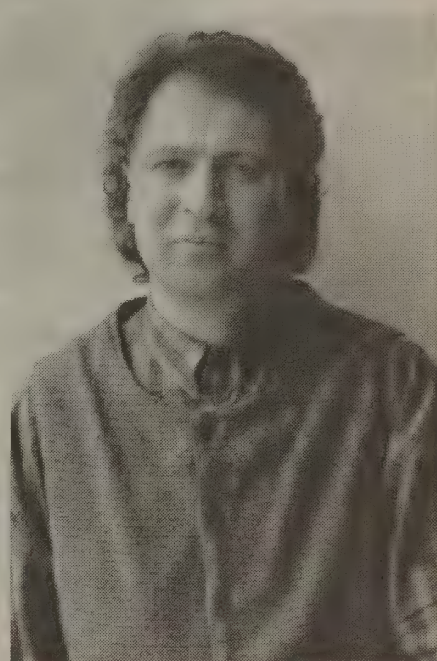


Photo by courtesy of the Public Relations Office
Greg Delanty, an Irish poet is working on his fifth book.

iday in Ireland than there is in the United States.

"Being Irish became fashionable in the 1960s with President Kennedy and from there people in America feel they need to celebrate being Irish," Delanty said. "Irish Americans do have a lot to be proud of. For many years they were not treated well."

In Ireland there is a parade for St. Patrick's Day, people go to church, wear fresh shamrocks, and go out at night, Delanty said.

"The holiday is pretty low-key in Ireland," Delanty said.

Delanty's poetry is a glimpse of his Irish heritage and his presence gives St. Michael's a splash of green at St. Patrick's day and throughout the year.

THE BRIDEGROOM'S TALE

By Greg Delanty

Once upon a time
high in the Alps
lived a youth
who vanished
the day before
he was to wed.
Some said he stole away,
but he was found
encased in ice
half a century
after a fissure
had beguiled him.
When they uncovered
his youthful face
for his wrinkle-pleated bride
it seemed as if a simple kiss
would wake him
& nothing would be amiss.
But then she realized
her hair was braided snow
& it was the cold
preserved his youth-glow;
just as you will realize,
beloved, years hence,
should you compel me to go
out into the cold,
for one day you'll find me,
a youth frozen,
but you will have grown old.
Remember this was foretold.



THE EMIGRANT'S APOLOGY

By Greg Delanty

As you led us single-file up the main aisle
I prayed you wouldn't pick a front pew,
aware you wanted to be as close as possible
to God & show off your latest hat too.
It wasn't just that I didn't want people
thinking I was religious, but that I knew
my devotion would be threatened by a conspiracy
of giggles no later than the sermon,
unable to take any sort of solemnity.
My strategy once I felt them coming on
was to conjure horrors: homework I had to do
but couldn't, a toothache, a spoon of medicine.
Now all I would have to think is you
wearing a black scarf alone in a front pew.

Paris, Anyone?

Professor Simon takes a group of eight students to Paris for spring break



The group standing at the Mouffettard Open Market in Paris (left to right): Colleen Putnam, Laura Adams, Katie Fraties, Ruby Perry, Prof. Andy Simon, Johanna LaClair, Justin Pushkarewicz, Tisa Begnoche, Julie Mereschuk, and Katie Ware.

Photo courtesy of Andy Simon

By Stephanie Harter
Staff Writer

When eight St. Michael's students and their chaperons started down the Seine on the Bateau Mouche, a large tourist boat, they expected to see the city lit up, but they did not expect the Eiffel Tower to start sparkling with tiny lights as they passed by it.

They learned later that the lights were left over from the city's millennium celebration.

On Saturday, Feb. 26 students led by Professor Andrew Simon and his wife, Ruby Perry, arrived in Paris to begin their cultural experience exploring the country of France over spring break.

Simon has organized study abroad trips in the past with the University of Vermont, but this is his first one with St. Michael's. He said he believes the trip was a success and wants to make it an annual event.

They visited places like Notre Dame, the Chartres Cathedral, and the Louvre, but were also given free time

to explore on their own.

The students and Simon said they feel it is important for students to experience a culture different from their own while in college.

"I think that it is very important for students to study abroad because when they are in school they are in a bubble of sorts leading a sheltered life," Sophomore Julie Mereschuk said.

Simon also advocates studying abroad for an entire semester to get the full cultural experience.

"I think that it is a wonderful thing and it gives you a reason to be over there other than just traveling would. You get to know the place in a way that you could never do hopping around going from one city to another," Simon said.

"To go someplace culturally different reminds you of all of the differences in the world, and opens your mind. When you come back you see your own culture in a different light once you have experienced another culture," Mereschuk said.

Simon said the trip was originally planned with 20

people, but only eight signed up. Simon did not let this discourage him, and later decided that eight was a much more manageable group.

"I was very glad that there were only eight students, especially these eight. They were real troopers even when I got them lost at the airport," Simon said.

When Simon planned the trip he wanted students to come back realizing that traveling is fun and new experiences can be exciting.

"I feel that they have come back with all of that. They mastered the metro quickly, explored on their own, and climbed the Eiffel Tower. Anything that was suggested, they would do," Simon said.

The students observed that French culture is different from our own in many ways.

"Lots of little things were different, but one of the things that I noticed is that meals are much more laid back. Eating is definitely a social thing, and a family thing. Families sit down and have meals together, as opposed to America where it is a chore to actually sit down and do it," Mereschuk said.

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The cast (left to right from top): Chris O'Neil as The Singer, John Donoghue as Freddy, Collin O'Mara-Green as Albert Einstein, Phil Gambardella as Pablo Picasso, Rachel Routhier as Suzanne, Janet O'Hare as the Countess, Denise Mathe as Germaine, James McNamara as Gaston, Megan Guilfoil as a female admirer, and Michael Laundry as Schmendiman.

'Picasso at the Lapin Agile'

This play written by Steve Martin is St. Michael's spring mainstage production. It opens tonight and runs through next Saturday.

Shows start at 8 p.m. in the Rat



Photo by Jen Calkins

Einstein (Colin O'Mara-Green) is hypnotized by the lovely Countess (Janet O'Hare) at the Lapin Agile.



Photo by Jen Calkins

Einstein (Colin O'Mara-Green) and Picasso (Phil Gambardella) dream of the 20th century and how they will contribute to its greatness.



Photo by Jen Calkins

Freddy (John Donoghue) pours Sagot (Kathleen Garrone) another drink as they discuss works of art and the endless possibilities that await them in the 20th century.

Students take the time to help out others during spring break



Photos courtesy of Lucas Malo

From top to bottom: a group shot of the team sent to Immokalee Fla., students and faculty prepare a meal, others construct a new roof, other students remove debris.



By Jen Calkins
Staff Editor

On March 14, about 100 students and faculty gathered around tables in the International Commons building over platefuls of Papa Franks to share memories and photographs of their extended service trips.

While many of their friends and fellow students spent spring break relaxing on a beach in Cancun or returning home, 125 St. Michael's students traveled to locations all across the United States to serve others.

The extended service trip program, run by MOVE, offers St. Michael's students the opportunity to spend a week volunteering. Trips are offered to Selma, Ala., Immokalee, Fla., Hartford, Conn., Washington D.C., Kentucky, New Orleans, New York City, Long Island, and Haiti.

"All the trips have a different educational program," Assistant Director of MOVE Steve Garbarino said. "Texas has an environmental program, and Selma has a civil rights aspect to it."

Seven of the trips take place in February, two take place in January over Christmas break, and two take place in May, two days after graduation. The selection process is fairly competitive; students apply in September after an orientation session and are interviewed by the selection committee, Garbarino said.

The extended service trips were initiated by the Rev. Steve Hornat, SSE and Campus Ministry in 1985, beginning with only two trips to Selma. When MOVE was created in 1988, the trips became part of its programs.

Ann Giombetti, director of MOVE, went on the Immokalee trip and said the trips reinforce the love she has for her job.

"I always find the trips eye-opening every time I go," she said. "For me, it's reinvigorating to see why I'm doing

what I'm doing."

Giombetti said the programs are popular because they allow students who can't commit to regular volunteer work the chance to help on a one-time basis. It is also a good opportunity for students to see if they are interested in doing a year of service.

Assistant Director of Alumni and Parent Relations Heidi Ludewig, a 1996 graduate, attended the Long Island trip as a staff member this year. As a student, she went to Hartford, and said the experience inspired her to commit to a yearlong service program in Selma.

"My one extended service week as a student was most definitely influential in my decision to go to Selma," Ludewig said. "The year of service allowed me to settle in and then stay. I was able to try new things at the place I worked and establish long-term relationships with people I still keep in contact with. I felt I could really do my best work."

In addition to students, at least one faculty member accompanies the students to their destination.

"Some faculty are interested in a service dimension for their classes," Giombetti said.

So when the members of the trips came together again, it is not surprising that most had many memories and stories to tell.

Sophomore Denis Couture went to Long Island, a trip that works with adolescent boys who had been in trouble with the law.

"Something that we realized was that all the kids there were genuinely good, but just that some of their decisions that they made weren't good," Couture said. "Some people are faced with a situation where they have to make a decision, and it's really hard to know what path to take."

He emphasized the importance of service and volunteering.

"We realized that one person can make an incredible

difference," he said. "We take so much from the community, and giving back is what it's all about."

The trip that went to Kentucky worked on building and renovating houses in an extremely impoverished rural area in Curry County, which is the seventh poorest county in the country, senior Lael Croteau said.

"An obstacle for us was, for the first time, seeing the most incredible condensed poverty that most of us have seen in our lives," Croteau said.

"The most striking thing for us was a woman who was working really hard to get her GED, and every day she'd say to us, 'I'm going to get my GED by July. I'm going to get my GED by July.' It was so powerful to see this person work so hard to work her way back up," Croteau said.

The New York City trip worked with a group called God's Love We Deliver preparing and delivering food to people with HIV or AIDS.

"Meeting people with AIDS was amazing. They're like everybody else, and it was really great to see people smile and thank you for the food you're bringing them, and know maybe you're the only person they're going to see that day," freshman Michaela Page said. "It was really scary to know that AIDS really doesn't discriminate at all; anybody could have it."

Vincent Bolduc of the sociology department teaches poverty, a one-credit class for students who have gone on extended service projects.

"Our nerves are kind of scraped and raw. This is an extremely emotional experience for all of us," he said.

President Marc vanderHeyden attended the dinner and said the sentiment that volunteerism is an important part of St. Michael's.

"We are indeed a community where people, faculty, staff, students, value service, where they learn from service," he said.

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Alleged scholarship abuse leads to review

By Rhonda Miner
Sports Editor

The St. Michael's judicial procedure regarding athletic scholarship students is being scrutinized by the administration after two alleged scholarship infractions took place early this semester involving players on the women's basketball team.

Dean of Students and Vice President of Student Affairs Mike Samara said he met with representatives from the Bookstore, the Financial Aid Office, the Bursar's Office and coaches to "review the system of checks and balances."

St. Michael's, a Division II

college, permits 10 male and 10 female basketball players to receive "full grant and aid." These scholarships cover the cost of tuition, fees, room and board and books required for courses, Athletic Director Geri Knortz said.

Scholarship athletes can purchase the books needed for their courses in the bookstore on account. The bookstore employees take the athletes' names and student identification numbers and write a receipt that lists each item individually. The bookstore keeps one copy of the receipt, sends one to the Financial Aid Office and one to Student Accounts.

The alleged discrepancies in two women's accounts were discovered in January. It appeared that each woman purchased books for classes they were not enrolled in.

Bookstore Manager Stephen McMahon reports anything out of the ordinary to Lou DiMasi, director of Resident Life and assistant dean of students.

DiMasi said scholarship athletes are students first, and any judiciary procedures are handled as such.

If an athlete is on probation and is found to have violated college policies, DiMasi said he reports the incident to the athletic director. If the athlete is not on

probation, a warning will be filed.

DiMasi said he sees cases of scholarship misunderstanding or infractions three or four times a year.

"We've looked into two cases of what appeared to be irregularities in the bookstore with two women's basketball players," Samara said.

Despite accusations of irresponsibility by the administration in handling the case, Samara said the college contacted the NCAA for a "reality test" and that the incidents had been reported.

"We have been forthright about what we've done," he said.

The NCAA has two levels of

violations, primary and secondary. There are no specific acts under each violation; the NCAA Enforcement Office handles each case individually. "Nothing is cut and dried," St. Michael's Assistant Athletic Director Chris Kenny said.

Punishments for violations are also based on each situation and can be as minor as losing a day of practice or as severe as being suspended.

Many college faculty and staff members would not discuss the issue. One of the women allegedly involved wished not to comment; the other did not return phone calls.

Alpine team closes tough season

The men's Alpine team finished off a difficult season in the EISA Championships at Middlebury College Feb. 25-26. The team's 11th-place finish was its best of the season.

The men's and women's squads will each lose three seniors to graduation.

Senior captain Keith Farnand was the sole team member to compete in the NCAA Championships. He became the only St. Michael's skier ever to compete in the tournament four times.

The Alpine team placed ninth of 11 teams at the St. Lawrence and Dartmouth carnivals, 10th of 11 at the UNH, UVM and Williams carnivals and 11th of 19 at the Middlebury/EISA Championship.

Senior Fawn Harold is shown skiing slalom at the right.



Photo courtesy of Alpine ski team

U.S. soccer recruits stars

SOCCER

Continued from back cover

Hristo Stoichkov, the second-leading scorer in the Bulgarian National Team history, joined MLS's Chicago Fire last March, and last week the New York/New Jersey Metro Stars acquired Lothar Matthaus, a former star player for Bayern Munich in Germany.

When asked about the problems with MLS and the lack of support for the league, freshman St. Michael's soccer player Bill Kurth explained, "A lot of people don't like to watch soccer because it is not action-packed like some other sports."

He said appreciation comes with a knowledge of the game, which many Americans lack.

Although MLS is having a rough start, the future does look bright for the league.

"I think the MLS is off to a great start, probably better than any other professional sports league in the U.S. was four years into their existence," St. Michael's men's soccer coach Tim Kaleita said.

"Soccer is a way of life for certain parts of the world, especially in Europe. People there grow up watching and supporting their local team, which weaves the game into their society," he said.

Kaleita expressed optimism about the league's future.

"It is going to take a couple more years, but with the youth programs of today and growing interest in the sport, it is definitely going to be an excellent league with a very high level of soccer being played," he said.

"The MLS is here to stay, and it is only going to get better."



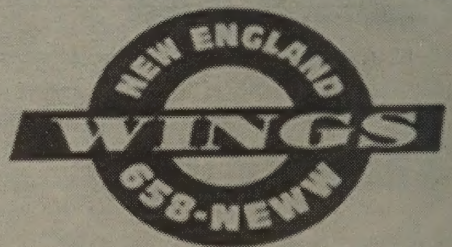
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Hoops close season with victory

By Courtney Sturtevant
Staff Writer

St. Michael's Purple Knights dribbled their way past U-Mass-Lowell to win the ECAC championship for the second consecutive season March 12 at Ross Sports Center.

After losing to Bentley 70-68 in the NE-10 Conference quarterfinals Feb. 27, St. Michael's was first seed among the defeated teams in the tournament and was chosen to host the ECAC Division II Championship.

St. Michael's, Pace University, U-Mass-Lowell and Dowling didn't make the NCAA championships. All four teams met on the Knights' court for the weekend-long tournament March 11 and 12.

St. Michael's paired up with U-Mass-Lowell March 12 after each team beat its opponent the day before.

St. Michael's trailed most of the game, but junior Mark Pater helped the Knights recover, scoring 14 consecutive points late in the game, boosting the Knights to a three-point lead. Sophomore Tunde Adekola added to the rally by swishing a free throw. In the last 24 seconds of the game, sophomore Anthony Scott landed four for four from the line, ending the game with a score of 66-60.

Winning the ECAC championship ended a strong year. Late in the season, the Knights beat St. Anselm 84-83 in a home game.

St. Anselm is one of the Elite Eight, the final eight teams in the Division II NCAA tournament.

Pater and junior Todd Roberts finished the season with more than 1,000 points: Pater



Photo by Jen Calkins

Players accept the ECAC Championship plaque March 12.

scored 1,032 and Roberts 1,270.

Freshman Jared Chandler, the third St. Michael's player ever to receive the Newcomer of the Year award, averaged 11.9 points, 3.3 rebounds and 3.8 assists per game. He ranks eighth in the conference in assists and ninth in field goal percentage.

"I was just excited that I got the opportunity to play," Chandler said. "There were a lot of juniors and seniors, so I didn't expect to play a lot, but Brian [Miles] hurt his hand and coach played me."

Roberts, named to the NE-10 First Team, is ranked among the top five players in the conference.

Pater was named to the NE-10 Second Team, ranking among the top 10 players.

"I feel lucky because the rest of the people on the team are all pretty good players," he said.

The team finished its season with a 20-9 record, its second year in a row with a 20-win season.

In Coach Tom O'Shea's three years of coaching at St. Michael's, the team's record is

61-31.

Only losing two players to graduation, O'Shea and players are enthusiastic for next season.

"We return with a lot of players, including our starting five," O'Shea said. "It gives us a strong nucleus."

Sophomore Anthony Scott agreed. "Our team is going to be lethal. Our starting lineup will have a lot more experience coming into next year," he said.

Next season will offer new challenges to the team as the ECAC makes some changes. The conference is adding five teams, three of which are in the Elite Eight this season: Southern Connecticut, New Hampshire College and the College of St. Rose. U-Mass-Lowell and Franklin Pierce also will be adopted.

O'Shea's goals for next year are to have a winning program and make post-season play.

"We have a strong team coming back," he said. "There are high goals of both players and coaches," he said.

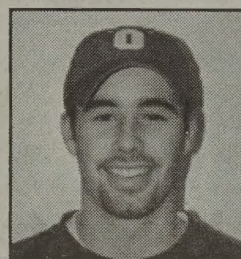
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The Knight Writer

Blame McSorely and the NHL for on ice violence

Is McSorely the league's scapegoat?



By Nate Thompson
Managing Editor

The NHL has a problem, and Marty McSorely isn't it.

In handing down the harshest penalty in league history, the NHL seems to think its only responsibility to the game is policing it.

Should Boston Bruins forward Marty McSorely have been given a 23-game suspension (the longest in league history) for whacking Vancouver Canuck's forward Donald Brashear in the head with his stick? Without question. His actions were inexcusable.

But McSorely (like Brashear) is an enforcer, a battler whose job isn't to score goals and notch assists, but to throw checks and pick fights.

The 17-year-veteran is third on the all-time list in penalty minutes, a mark he was adding to on Feb. 21 in Vancouver.

McSorely was just doing his job when scrapping with Brashear three times before "the incident."

"It's not what I intended to do," McSorely said after the game. "I wanted to go fight. I'm still kind of in shock about what I did. It was just stupid. That's not the way I want to be known as a hockey player."

"Think about what he said," observed Associated Press columnist Jim Litke. "The problem, as McSorely sees it, isn't that he tried to cave in the side of Brashear's head; that was OK. It's that he used his stick instead of his fists."

Exactly, Jim. But Jim, buddy, is it McSorely's fault that "caving in the side of Brashear's head" is OK if he does it with his hands and not with his stick?

That's what the guy gets paid to do: cave heads.

While McSorely needs to face the consequences of his actions, the NHL needs to assess its role in the skirmish too.

McSorely definitely crossed the line, but when the line allows you to beat the snot out of somebody with your bare hands,

something like this was bound to happen anyway.

It's too bad McSorely had to be the one to make the NHL realize that, and if the league holds to form, it may be a while before it does anything about it.

The NHL still hasn't realized it needs to require all its players to wear visors, as almost all other levels of hockey have.

Just more than a week ago, Toronto Maple Leafs defenseman Bryan Berard was inadvertently hit in his right eye while trying to block a shot against Ottawa. Berard was not wearing a visor and might be permanently blinded as a result of his injury.

That's what the guy gets paid to do: cave heads

It took 29 years after a player died as a result of a head injury suffered during a game in 1968 before every NHL player was finally wearing a helmet.

ESPN hockey god Al Morganti correctly said the NHL is not taking acts of violence lightly in view of the McSorely incident.

But when will they start trying to prevent violence before it happens rather than just punishing it afterwards?

The NHL is the only professional sport where fighting is considered just another part of the game.

I believed McSorely when he said, "I just wanted to fight [Brashear]," and I believe his remorse is genuine, and I believe what he did does not reflect what kind of person he is.

The NHL has to realize Brashear is not the only casualty of this sorry affair.

The 36-year-old McSorely is in the last year of his contract, and his age coupled with a scarred reputation probably means his career is over.

And as though that isn't enough, McSorely is also being charged by Vancouver authorities on one count of assault with a weapon.

To some people, to Brashear and to the Vancouver Canucks, maybe that's justice, maybe it's what they wanted.

To me, it's fair and appropriate, but that doesn't make it a good thing.

Junior Todd Roberts



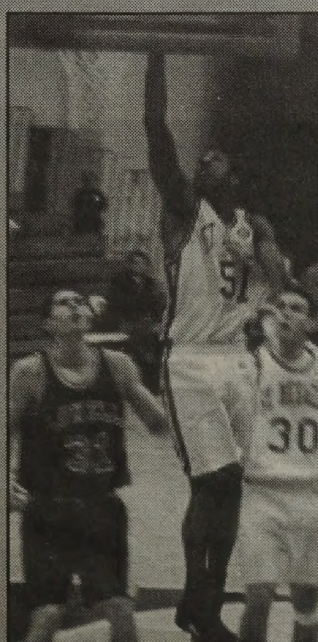
Roberts has scored 1,270 points, ranking 16th in St. Michael's men's scoring history. Roberts was named to the NE-10 First Team and to the Daktronics Inc. Division II All-Northeast team.

Junior Mark Pater



Pater has scored 1,032 points, placing him 27th in St. Michael's men's scoring history. He was named to the NE-10 Second Team.

Freshman Jared Chandler



Chandler was named the NE-10's Newcomer of the Year, becoming the third player from St. Michael's to receive the award. He averaged 11.9 points, 3.3 rebounds and 3.8 assists per game.

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Anthony Scott, 10 points
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Farnand sets records, goals for future

By Shaun Green
Staff Writer

Sixteen years ago Keith Farnand tied on a pair of plastic skis and raced down a sand hill in the backyard of his family's Dwight, Ontario, home.

Since that day, the 23-year-old racer, a former member of the Canadian National Ski Academy, has skied the Swiss and French Alps and the Colorado and Canadian Rockies.

Farnand, St. Michael's Alpine ski captain, said he dreamed of becoming a hockey player or a dirt bike racer until he was 8 and learned to ski at Tally-Ho in Huntsville, Ontario. After that, he was determined to become an Olympic skier.

for two hours in late afternoon and were tutored at night," Farnand said.

Farnand followed this schedule from August to June for five years. With the academy, he trained and raced in Switzerland, Colorado, California, France and Vermont throughout the year.

"I skied about 225 to 250 times a year and was never off snow for more than three weeks," he said.

Along the way

Having traveled to so many places, Farnand encountered many well-known athletes, including Luc

crashed into a steel fence, suffering a large gash on his right leg.

Decisions

Farnand said he felt a lot of pressure because the academy wanted members to eventually join the national team. Farnand was ranked as high as 200th in the world when racing for the academy; 150th was the minimum rank required to join the Canadian National team.

"I was on the line to make the Canadian National team, so I decided to go to college to ski," Farnand said. "My goal was to make it to the NCAA Championships and become an All-American."

Farnand said he wanted to go to college in the United States because the athletic programs are stronger. He had his heart set on Burlington, originally intending to attend

UVM, but "stumbled upon" St. Michael's and liked it.

Accomplishments

Farnand finished in the top 10 in slalom and giant slalom during the four years skiing in carnivals for St. Michael's. He competed in the NCAA skiing championships all four years, becoming the first racer in St. Michael's history to do so.

"His success has really established the program in the East for the NCAA," said Rogan Connell, director of skiing and men's and women's alpine coach. "He has allowed us to be competitive against other NCAA teams across the country and put St. Mike's on the map."

Farnand most recently competed in the 2000 NCAA skiing championships at the Park City Mountain Resort in Park City,

The Canadian National Ski Academy

At the age of 14, Farnand moved two-and-a-half hours away from his home in Dwight to attend the

Collingwood Collegiate Institute in Collingwood, Ontario. He raced for the Hidden Valley Ski Club in ninth grade and was invited to the Canadian junior nationals in Nikaska, Alberta. The following summer, Farnand was asked to join the Canadian National Ski Academy.

"The academy was fun because I lived in a mansion with 20 girls and 19 guys. We woke up at six, trained until eight, went to school for half the day, skied all afternoon, trained

National ski team.

While skiing in Italy, Farnand witnessed what he claims to be the oddest thing he's ever seen. The toilets in the ski resorts, Farnand said, were holes in the floor, with foot-holes to place your feet and handles on the walls to hold on to.

While most of Farnand's skiing experiences have been positive, he suffered through injuries and embarrassments. At the age of 16, he skied into a gate, was thrown into the air and



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Alphand, a member of France's

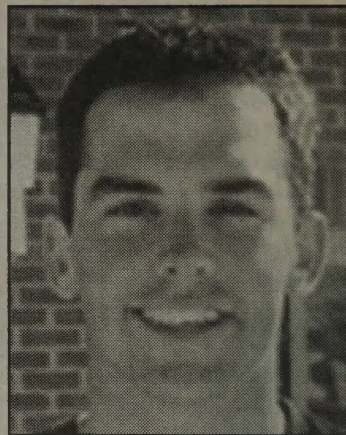


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Senior Keith Farnand has competed in four NCAA skiing championships.

Utah, March 8-11. He placed 25th in the giant slalom and 27th in the slalom.

"My goal was to finish in the top 10 in slalom and become an All-American," Farnand said.

He said he didn't perform well in the NCAA championships because of nerves and the intense atmosphere. His best finish at the NCAA championships was 13th in the slalom at the 1998 Bridge Bowl in Bozeman, Mont.

"I thought he was going to have more success, although his lack of consistency this year is because of his commitment to academics," Connell said.

The senior biology major has minors in chemistry and business.

The future

Farnand plans to live and work in the Burlington area after graduation in May.

He said he hopes to work for a year, then attend podiatry school, but will probably only ski for fun.

"I have seen so many things, experienced so much because of skiing and I am looking forward to doing something different."

Major League Soccer struggles for fans, reputation in U.S.

By Michael Toohey
Staff Writer

In a society that loves to watch sports highlights such as Vince Carter throwing down a monstrous dunk, Mark McGwire crushing a 400-foot home run, and Barry Sanders scampering for a 99-yard touch-down run, the game of soccer does not draw much attention.

Major League Soccer is the United States' premiere soccer league.

Although the league contains some of the best soccer players in the world, the MLS has struggled to win fan support and television audiences since it began in 1996.

The MLS has yet to break into the spotlight shared by professional football, basketball, baseball and hockey, all of which overlap into the same season of play.

"It is in direct competition with professional football, which makes it tough," St. Michael's associate athletic director Zaf

Bludevich said.

Bludevich also pointed out that it is not a deeply-rooted sport in U.S. history as it is in other countries.

Even with the 1994 Men's World Cup being played in the United States and the U.S. women's team winning the last Women's World Cup, it has yet to catch on with the public.

Many argue that the attention has helped.

"It's not a passion with the American public like the other major sports," Bludevich said, "but it is getting better with time."

"My daughter now has pictures of Mia Hamm all over her wall," Bludevich said.

MLS has been taking steps to draw interest in the league by recruiting international soccer stars to come to the U.S. to play.



Major League Soccer is building popularity despite a slow beginning in the United States. At left is New England Revolution's Jeff Baicher.

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